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MARINE DEPARTMENT

TENDERS FOR INSTALLING EQUIPMENT AT WAGLAN LIGHTHOUSE

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate for the installation of the New Diaphone Fog Signal and lighting equipment at Waglan Lighthouse will be received at the office of the Chairman of the Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, before noon on Friday, January 13, 1950.

Contract will include the transport and landing of all machinery, engines, compressors, generators and erecting on site together with the fitting of connecting pipes to air, oil and water tanks.

Details may be obtained from the Supt. of Lights, Marine Department.

Covers should be clearly marked Tenders for Installing Equipment at Waglan Lighthouse. Completion of the installation to be made by 7th February, 1950. Tenders must deposit the sum of \$500 with the Treasury as a guarantee of their bona fides.

The receipt of this deposit to be submitted with the sealed tenders. The deposit will be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government if the successful tenderers fail to carry out the terms of the contract.

Unsuccessful tenders will have their deposit returned.

Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. JOLLY,
 Director of Marine
 December 23, 1949

POLICE NOTICE

Attention is invited to the Public Entertainments Ordinance which defines a "public entertainment" as an entertainment to which the public have access whether on payment or not.

Buildings & Other Premises.

1. No public entertainment shall be given except in a building or other premises, licensed for a class of entertainment for which it is suitable. In addition to buildings and other premises regularly used for public entertainments, buildings and other premises used for casual entertainment must also be licensed even if only on one occasion.

Public Entertainments.

2. No public entertainment may be given except in a building or other premises licensed for the purpose and must be permitted by separate application made by the producer thereof.

General.

3. A building or other premises licensed for a particular class or classes of entertainment shall not be used for another class of entertainment without permission.

4. Permits to cover a period will only be granted to licensees who are themselves producers of regular entertainments. Such permits will not include entertainments sponsored or produced by others which require a separate permit to be obtained and produced by such sponsors or producers before the licensee allows the entertainment to take place.

5. All other persons whether licensees who hire their premises or licensees who both produce themselves and hire to others must apply for permission on each casual occasion on their own behalf and require the persons to whom they hire their licensed building or other premises to produce a permit for which such hirers have themselves made application.

6. The public is warned that, if an entertainment falls under the definition the purpose, uplift or amusement does not affect the necessity to obtain a licence. The public is also warned that possession of a liquor licence does not cover public entertainment.

Possession of forged notes

Found to have 58 forged Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank one dollar notes on his person in Spring Garden Lane on October 6, Tiu Shu-chan, aged 18, appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday charged with possession of forged notes. He was committed for trial in the Criminal Sessions.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope said that on information received, Detective Police Constable 1110, Lai Cheung, arrested the defendant outside the lavatory at Spring Garden Lane at about 10 a.m. on October 6. On being searched at the Police Station 27 one dollar notes were found in his left shoe, 30 in his right shoe, one in his trouser pocket and HK\$1.80 cents in another pocket.

A clerk from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank gave expert evidence in Court yesterday and said that 58 of the one dollar notes were forged. The notes were made of different paper and the portrait and the bank's name on each note were obscure.

Tiu said that he had been given the notes by a Lee Ho to carry. Both he and Lee went into the lavatory at Spring Garden Lane on that day. On leaving he was arrested by the detective.

Tiu claimed that he had told the detective at the time of his arrest that the notes had been given by Lee and pointed to Lee who was nearby. The defendant claimed that the detective had said that as he (Tiu) possessed the notes he was under arrest and the other fellow did not matter.

When asked why he placed the notes in his shoes the defendant said that he had been told to do so by Lee as the money might be picked from his pockets while travelling in a train.

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Tickets for the sweep at \$2.—each may be purchased at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor Telephone House, and also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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 S. A. SLEAP,
 Secretary.

Hong Kong, Dec. 20, 1949.

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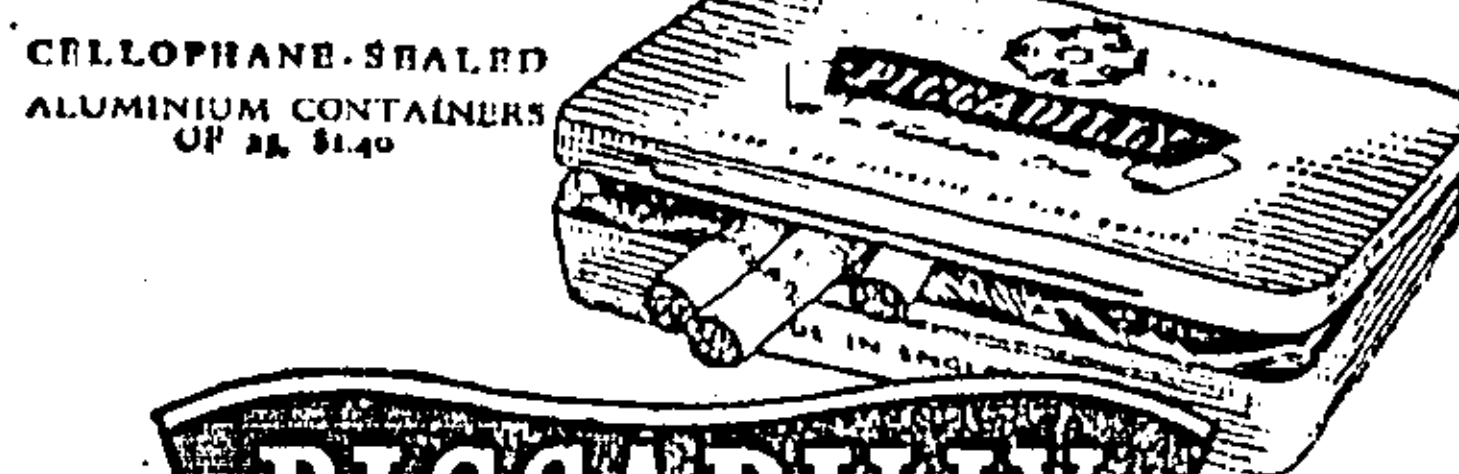
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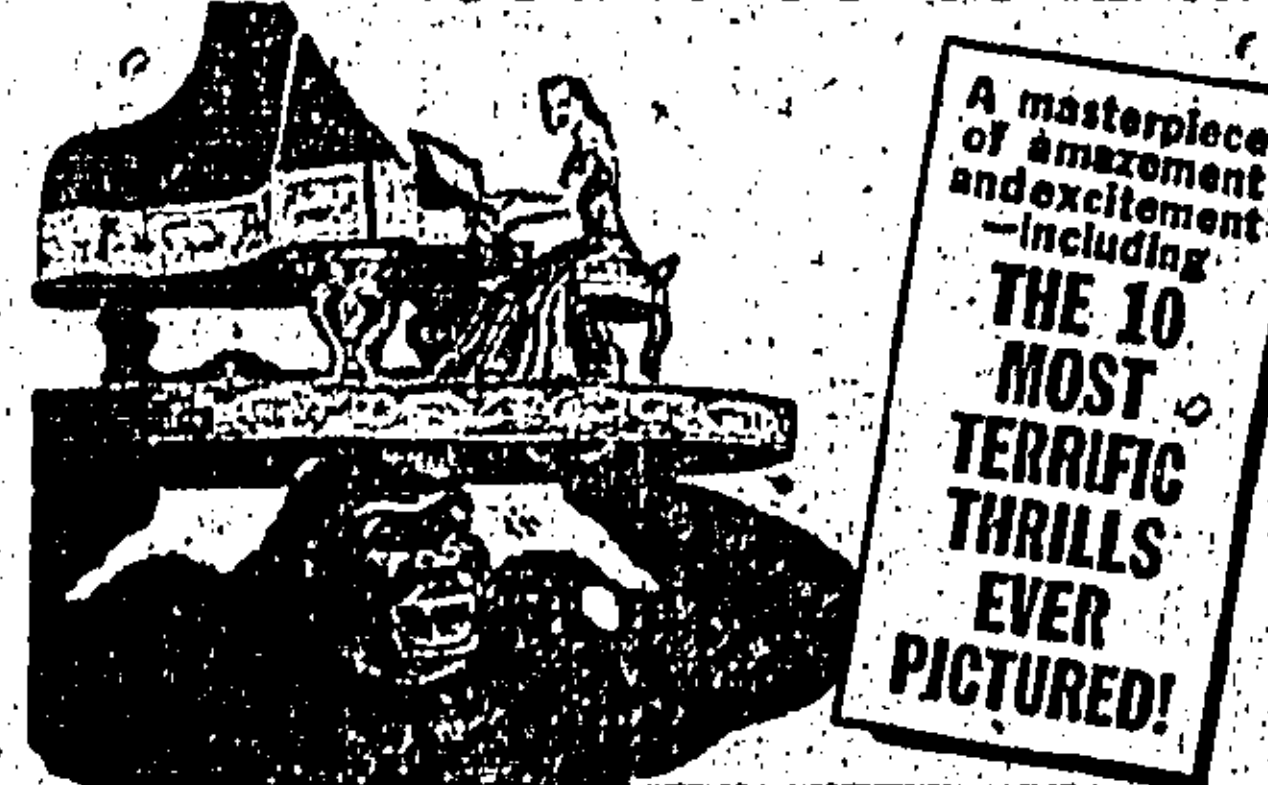
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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

IS THERE ANOTHER WAY? South could see easily that, if the trumps were evenly divided, all of the grand slam bidders would beat him. His sole chance for a good comparative score depended on their being unable to make the grand slam, so he planned on hearts not being evenly divided. If they were not, sound play might enable him to beat even the small slam bidders, if he was the only one to make the contract.

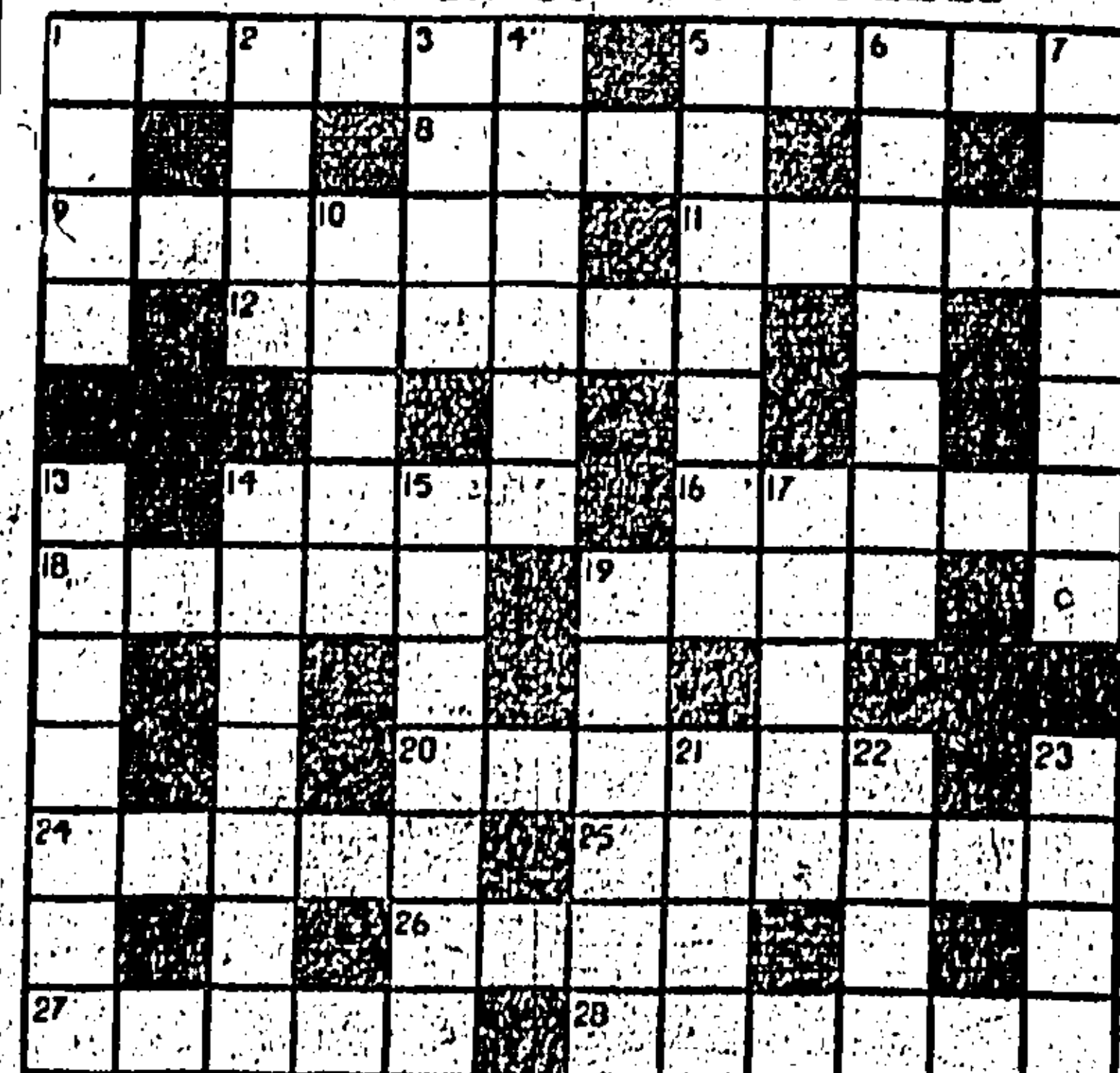
He found the way to get a client top. He won the club Q with the K, secured the heart A and spade A, then led the heart J. If West played the J as he did, the contract was of course safe. If West had played low, the 10 would have been an immediate entry to make a grand slam. If after West played low, the 10 went on, East had secured with the J, it would be because hearts were divided. In that case, the 2 to the 5 would be an entry to make the small slam. So this plan was best also for rubber bridge.

Tomorrow's Problem
 S Q 10 4
 H A 9 6 4
 D K 8 4 2
 C 5 3 2

One very able declarer gained a clear top on this deal in a duplicate game in which the other players were just "ordinary players." As soon as West led the club Q and he saw the dummy, he figured out quickly that most of the other pairs would be in 7-Hearts or 7-No Trumps instead of just the small slam. He also noted that probably all of them would try to clear hearts in two rounds and expect to use the spades for minor suit discards, of course first unblocking by playing the spade A.

South wins the heart K with the A, finesses the club Q to the K and plays the spade 4 from dummy when West returns the 5. What should East play, South being in 3-No Trumps?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
 1 Minister. 10 Social. 11 Indigent. 14 Message.
 2 Accumulate. 12 distinction. 15 Make small. 16 expert.
 3 Flesh of. 13 Humble. 17 quick cuts. 18 Reptile.
 4 Too. 14 Vain. 19 Trespass. 20 Material.
 5 Supposed. 20 Turns. 21 Being down. 22 Trespass.
 6 Not just. 24 Church-land. 25 Affirmed. 26 Compost.
 7 Now. 25 Cleave. 27 Cause of. 28 Dried up.
 8 Examine. 26 Bure. 28 agreement. 29 Drink.
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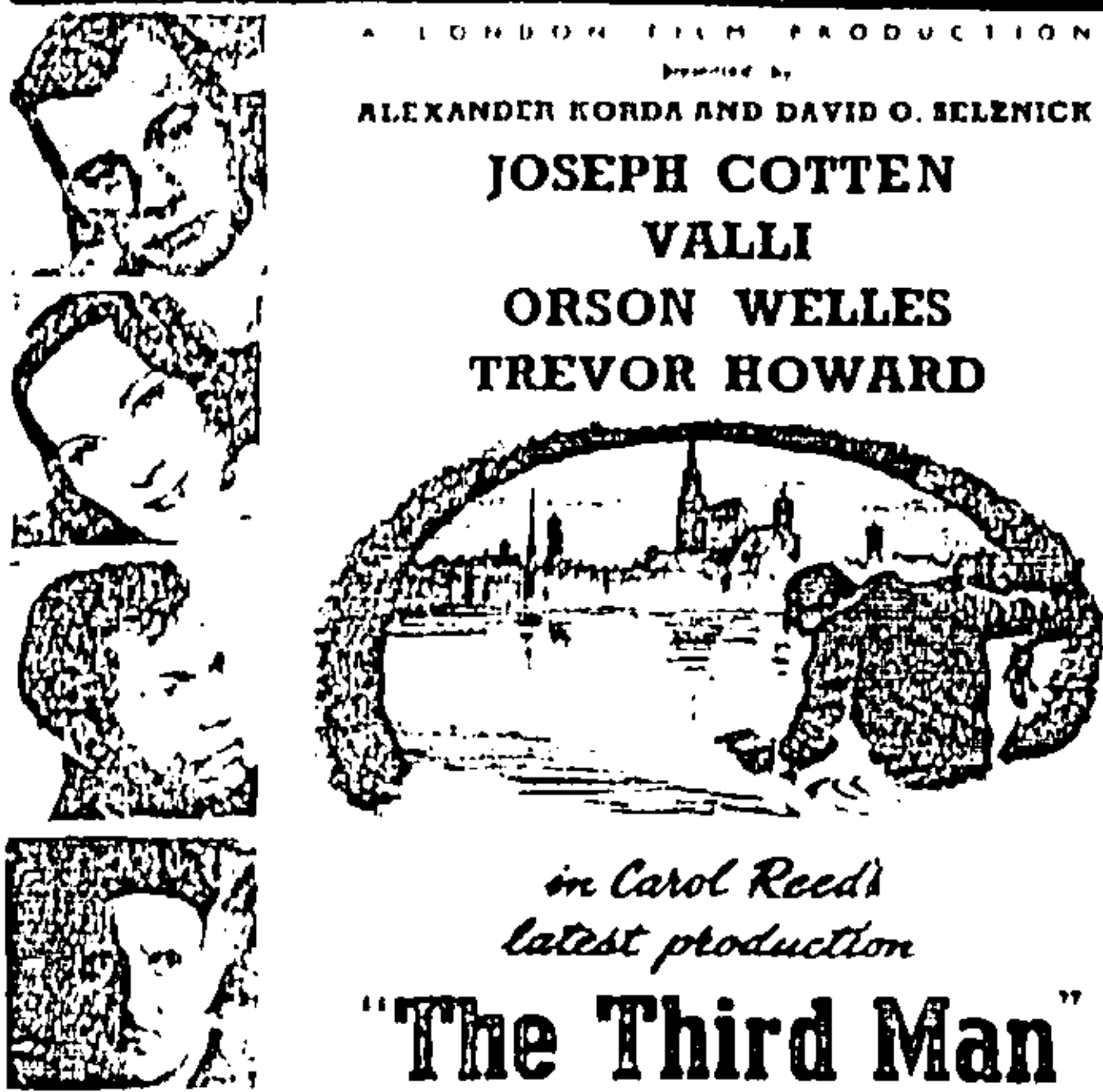
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Yesterday's Crossword
 Across—1 Caviar. 4 Alarum. 5 Lord. 6 Rained. 7 Me. 8 Pillar. 10 Ayr. 12 Seldom. 13 Burt. 17 Nero. 18 Avoided. 21 Leveret. 15 Tore. 16 Rumour. 18 Promote. 22 Hero. 23 Erasing. 24 Gusset. 25 Afore. 30 Toccata. 31 Sore.

DOWN—1 Caves. 2 Villa. 3

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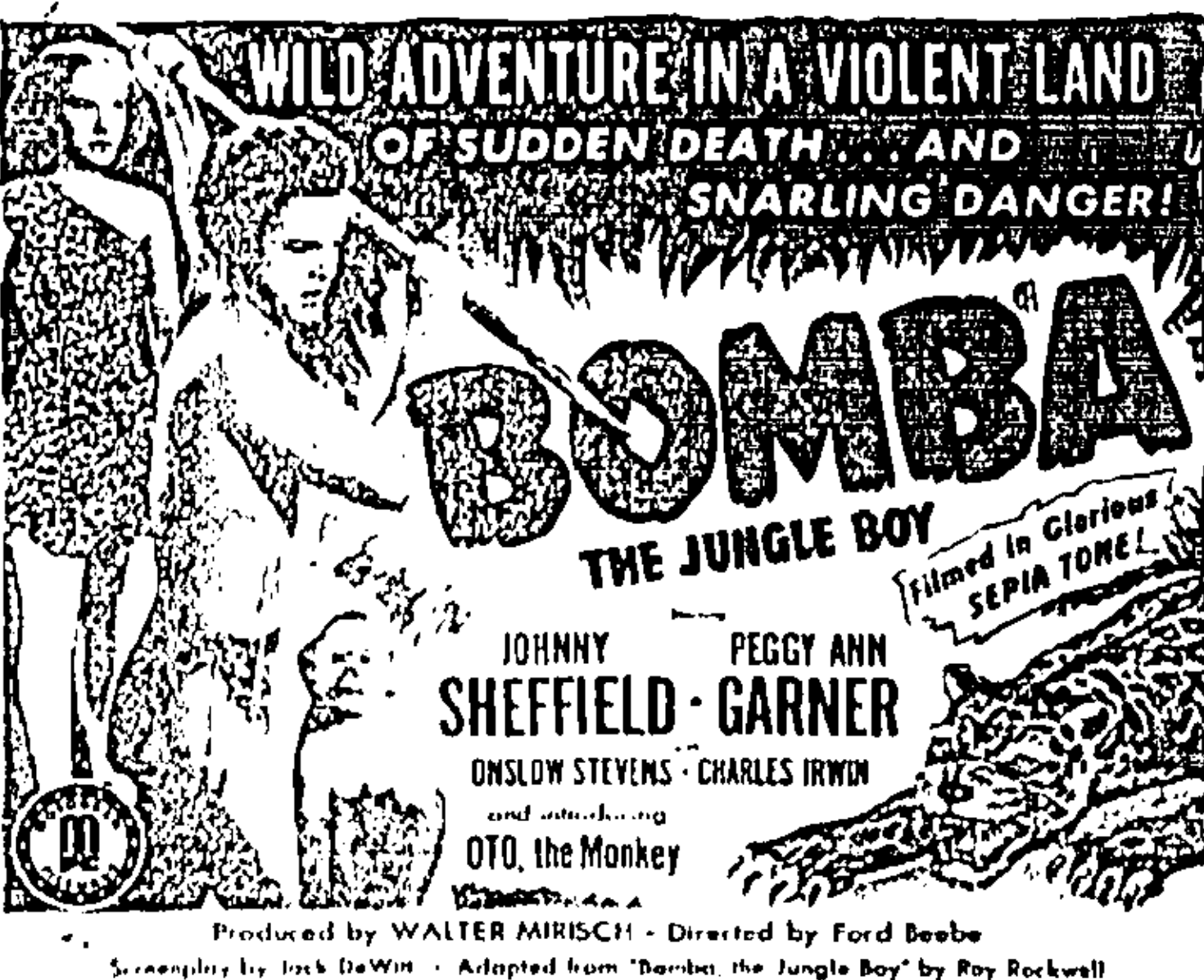
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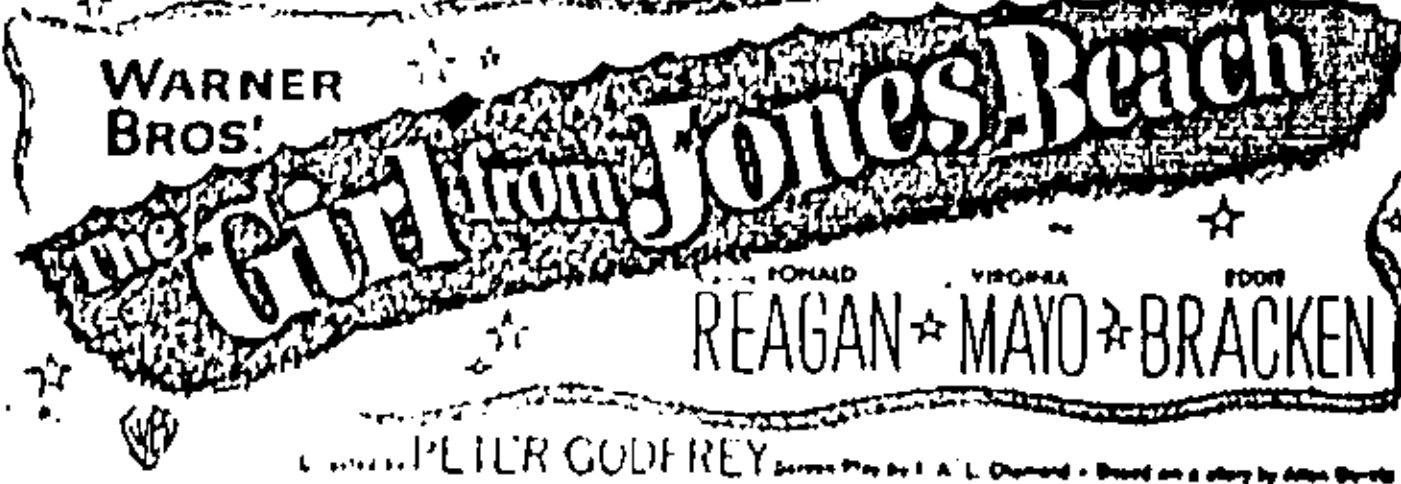
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FOREIGNERS BEING EDGED OUT OF THE INTERIOR OF CHINA

(By Chang Kuo-sin)

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of three articles by Chang Kuo-sin, United Press correspondent who has just returned to Hong Kong after an overland trip from Shanghai.)

The Chinese Communists' policy towards foreigners appears to be to edge them out of China—at least from the interior.

A number of foreign missionaries, after observing Chinese Communist rule during the past few months, are given to pessimism as regards the future.

One prominent American missionary, who for obvious reasons cannot be identified, told this correspondent that the Chinese Communists, although avowedly guaranteeing freedom of religious belief, are out to eliminate freedom of religious action.

He said that the first blow against the Church has already been struck by the Chinese Communists who closed 80 per cent of the rural churches in Shantung province, and over 90 per cent in Manchuria and Hopei. Officially, the Shantung churches were sealed because they were "private organizations," which are not permitted to exist, while no official reason has been given for the closure in Manchuria and Hopei.

A similar policy seems to be followed as regards foreign businessmen despite Mao Tse-tung's assertions that the Reds welcome foreign trade. According to all indications, the Reds do not intend to expel the foreigners officially, but to make life so difficult that they will leave voluntarily.

One of the handiest weapons is travel restriction, whereby foreigners living in the coastal cities are not permitted to visit out-stations or make business trips to other cities.

For example, the British manager of a large export firm in Nanking was unable to take his home leave because the Communist authorities did not allow his colleague in Hankow to travel to Nanking to replace him. They told the latter that he could have a permit to leave China, but not one permitting transfer from one city to another.

Closure of churches

Most foreigners believe that they will in the future be permitted to continue in business, but only in the larger cities and ports where they would do all the buying and selling. They believe that they will not be permitted to travel in the interior or maintain branches there after the present staff leaves. They believe that foreign firms with large properties in the interior of China—mostly British—will eventually be compelled to sell out to Chinese interests.

Missionary informants said that they have protested to Premier Chou En-lai against the closure of churches. The latter replied that the government would investigate, but no official action has been taken to re-open the churches. Some congregations have not been interfered with, but others are required to follow various regulations.

Religious instruction has been banned in some schools, but elsewhere it is allowed to continue as a voluntary course.

In addition to the closing of churches, the Chinese Communists are also restricting the activities of missionaries.

No legal protection

At the present time, the Church has no legal standing, and some missionaries were told that they will have no legal protection as long as foreigners remain on the mission staff.

Travel restrictions are placed on foreign missionaries and on foreign businessmen. Some missionaries, in Anhwei province, were not allowed to travel to Nanking even for medical treatment. However, they are being permitted to leave China altogether.

Missionaries in Shantung province are not allowed to move at all. American missionaries in Nanchang were questioned whether they were agents of the American Government.

Apparently a great deal of authority is placed in the hands

of local administrators who administer regulations in a number of different ways.

Rotary suspected

Chinese pastors are also finding life difficult in some places. In Chienkiang, 80 miles East of Nanking, Chinese pastors were required to register with the police and questioned extensively about their attitude towards the Chinese Communists, their connection with the United States, and how they get financial support.

Other types of foreign establishments subject to suspicion are, for example, the Rotary Clubs. All Rotary Clubs in the Yangtze Valley, except in Nanking and Shanghai, have been compelled to disband, and Wushu Rotarians were questioned at weekly luncheons.

The YMCA at Nanchang was searched, and files and documents examined in order to ascertain its connection with the American Government.—United Press.

SNAKES NOT PROPER PETS

Paris, December 27.

Six-year-old Nicole Valsiere, top breadwinner of her family, is unemployed today because a French judge ruled that, big snakes are not proper pets for little girls.

Nicole drew crowds daily to the family sidewalk in Montmartre to watch her play with her five-foot, Brazilian python. As a feature of the act, she put the snake's head in her mouth.

The judge said that must stop. Marcel Valsiere, Nicole's father, protested that the snake was harmless. "Besides," he said, "I think anything would like Nicole."

When the judge stood firm, Valsiere shrugged his shoulders and said he guessed the family's travelling show would make out somehow.

To keep out of trouble with the courts, he said, the family probably would leave Nicole in Paris with friends when it packed up and set out on its next tour.—United Press.

PRAYERS FOR STALIN

Stockholm, December 27.

Prayers for the health of Marshal Stalin as head of the Soviet State were said in all Russian Orthodox Churches in Moscow and throughout Russia during the past week in observance of his 70th birthday, according to Moscow reports from usually reliable sources.

A celebration service was held in the Yelkhozvskiy Cathedral in Moscow last Wednesday, Stalin's birthday. Alexis, the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, officiated.

Foreign correspondents in Moscow, prevented by censorship from sending this news report, said that censorship on the story of Marshal Stalin's birthday was more than usually severe.—Reuter.

Flying saucer theories laid to rest

Washington, December 27. The Air Force today said that an exhaustive two-year investigation of scores of reports of strange, disc-like objects sweeping along at tremendous speeds had established that there was no such thing as a "flying saucer."

It said the reports resulted from misinterpretation of various conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria or hoaxes.

The Air Force added that it had discontinued the special "Project Saucer" set up at Wright Field, Ohio, to study the objects because "there is no evidence that the reports are not the result of natural phenomena."

The statement was made after True magazine said in its current issue that certain authorities believed the "saucers" were inter-planetary spacecrafts manned by small civilized beings.—United Press.

Two million mentally deficient

Tokyo, December 28.

Approximately 2,400,000 Japanese are mentally deficient, according to a Japanese Government survey.

The figure includes nearly 250,000 in lunatic asylums.

The total figure is made up of those considered mentally abnormal from the medical viewpoint and others classified simply "feeble minded."

Mental patients have been sharply on the increase since the Japanese surrender, the survey showed.

Alarmed over the situation, the Government Welfare Ministry is formulating a Mental Hygiene Bill designed to bolster the present mental hygiene system.

There are at present 122 lunatic asylums in Japan to give more than 80,000,000 people, the survey added.

The new Mental Hygiene Bill will provide for a network of mental hygiene stations throughout Japan to advise on mental diseases and their prevention and the protection of mental patients.—Reuter.

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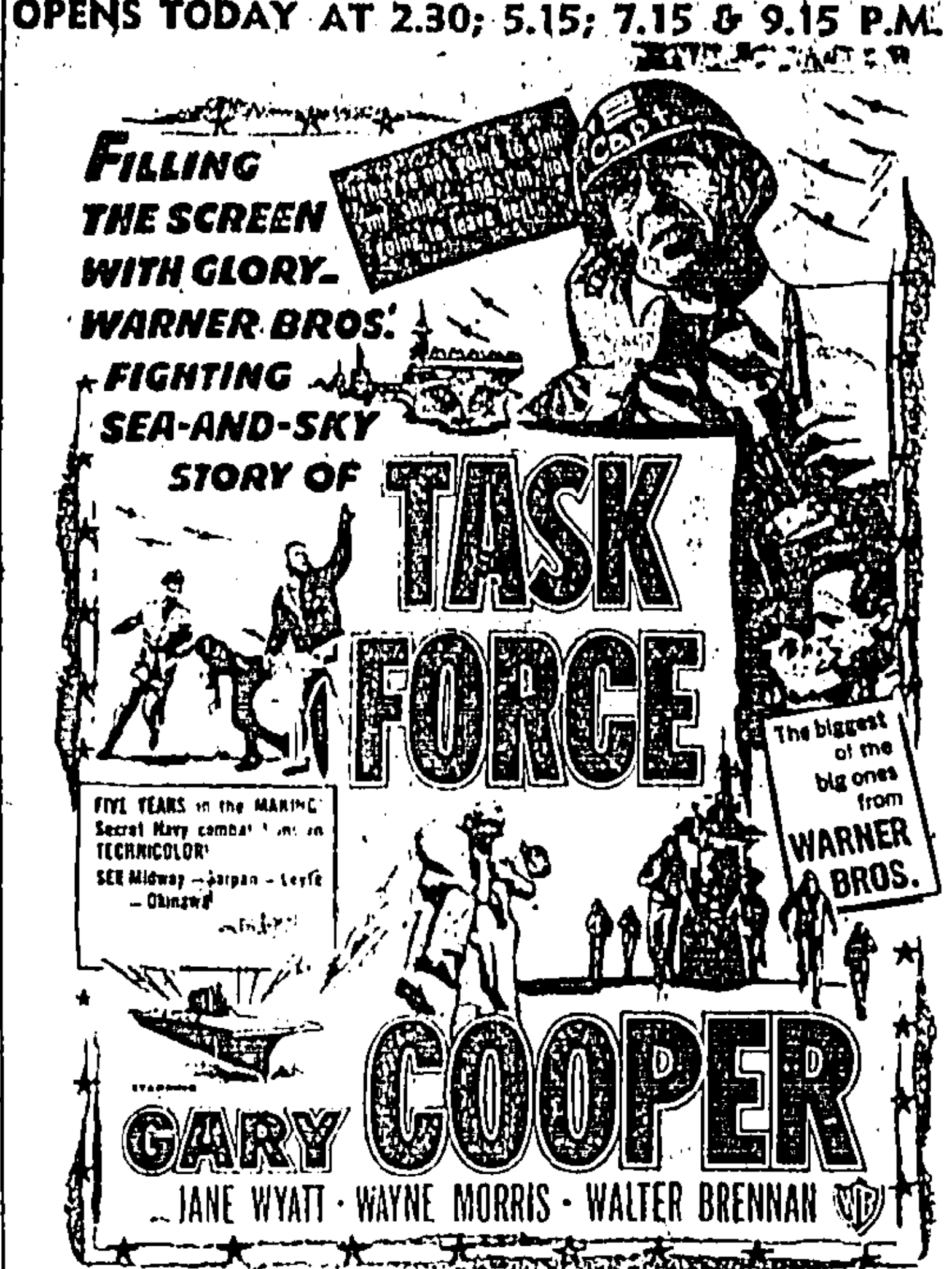
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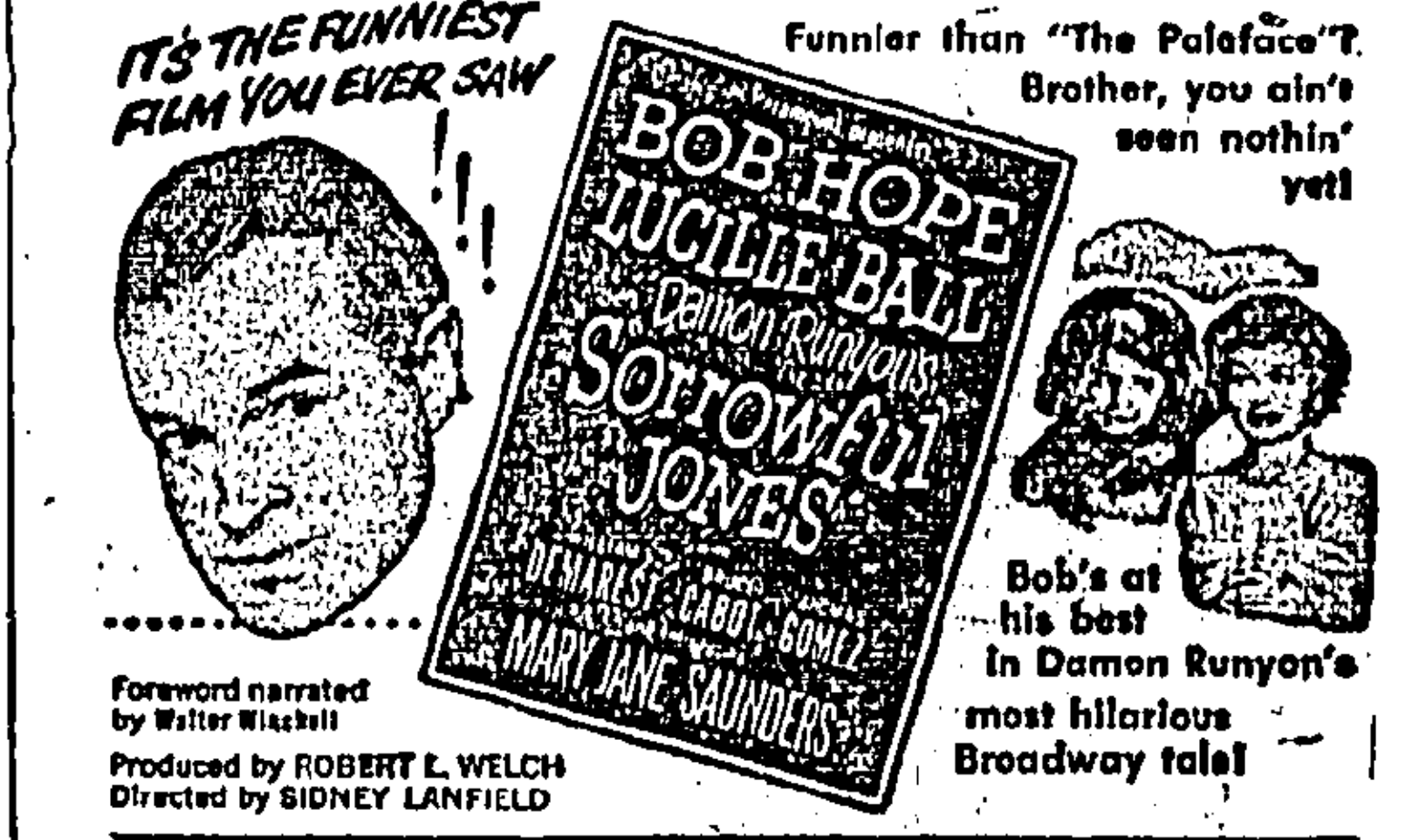
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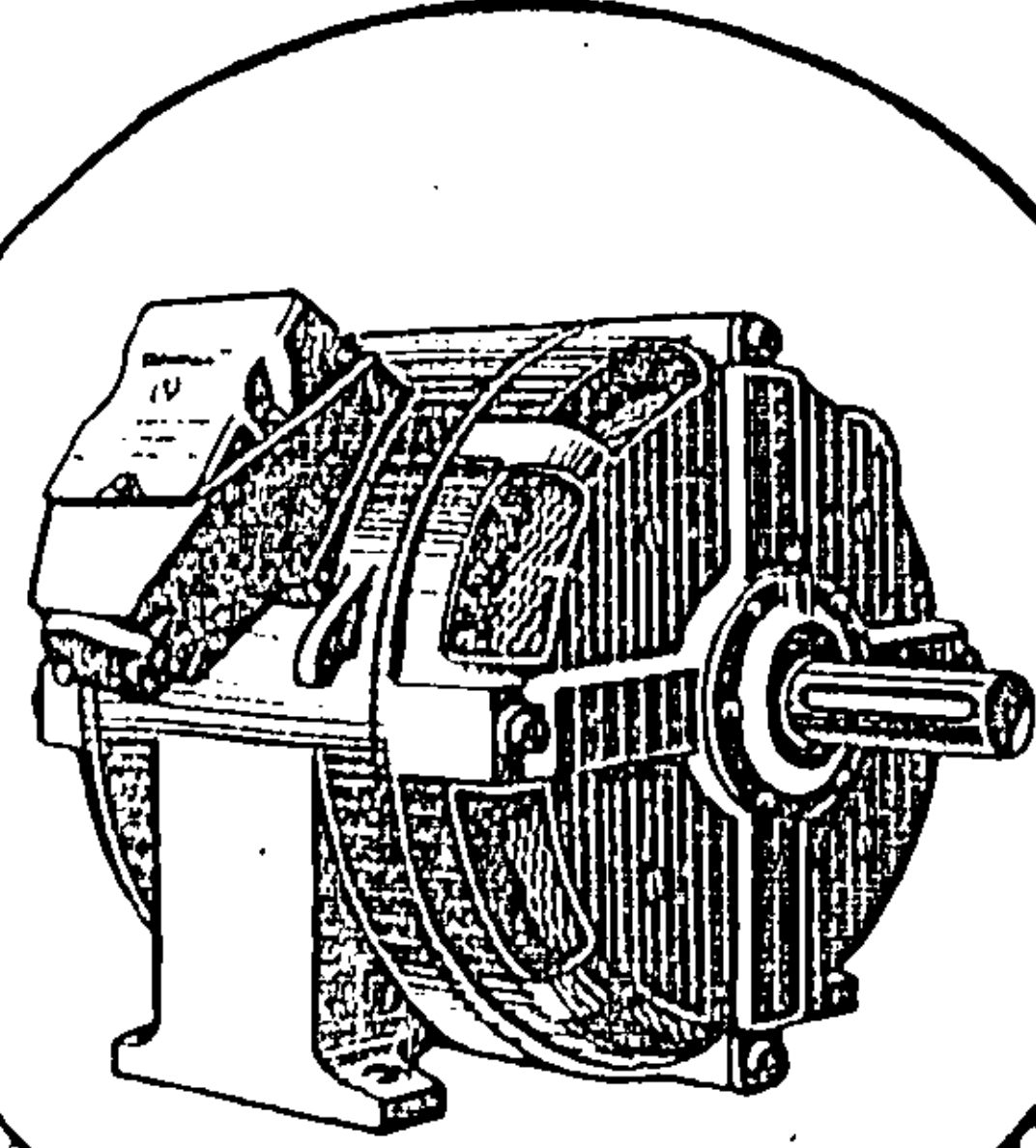
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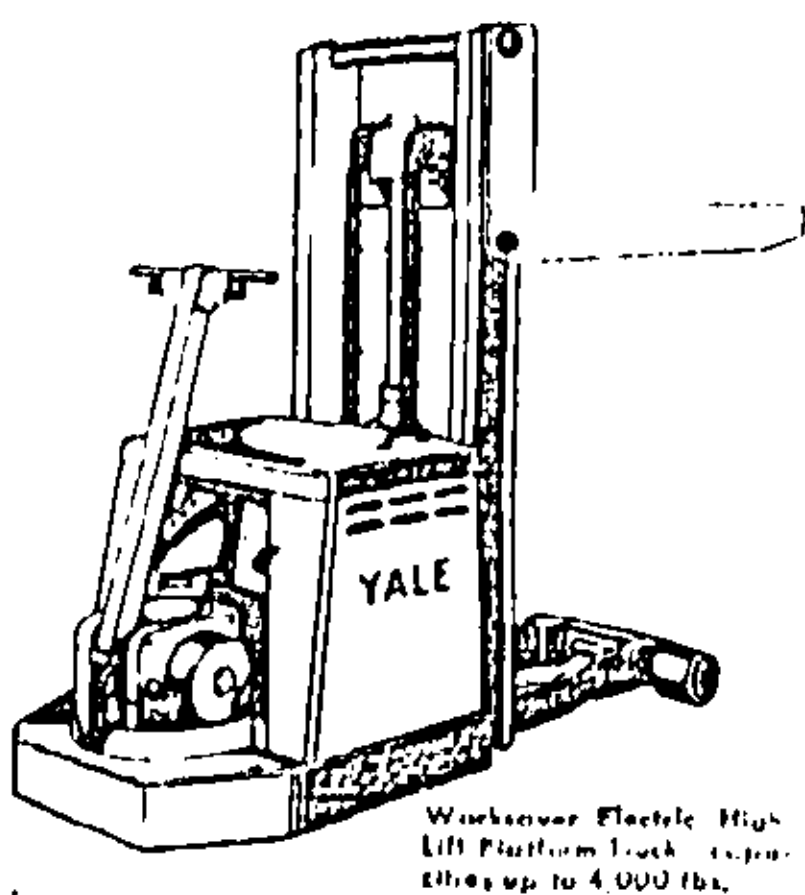


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ENGINEERING PAGE

PRACTICAL MEASURES TO PREVENT FACTORY MISHAPS

(By PHILIP TYNDALE DREW)

A century of legislation covering factory working conditions has resulted in a very high standard of safety in Britain's industry today. This has been achieved as a result of constant and careful research into operating circumstances, and the behaviour of machinery as well as the study of the human element in every industry.

While full credit must be given to Britain's Inspector of Factories, it would be unjust not to give credit also to employers themselves who co-operate with the problem of preventing accidents.

In fact, the general rule by which both the Factory Department of Britain's Ministry of Labour and the employer have been guided is to keep a move or two ahead of existing legislation.

The safety laws made culminating in the 1937 Factories Act, exist to provide authority with adequate powers to deal with the occasional bad employer who appears with every generation. The laws are of searching character for without them, accident rates through negligence would be much higher than they actually are.

Many of the requirements laid down in the 1937 Factories Act merely incorporate recommendations made in voluntary agreements between the Inspector of Factories and various industries as far back as 1911. The Committee on Accidents in Factories decided that conferences should be held regularly in these industries to discuss the best means of maintaining safe operating conditions.

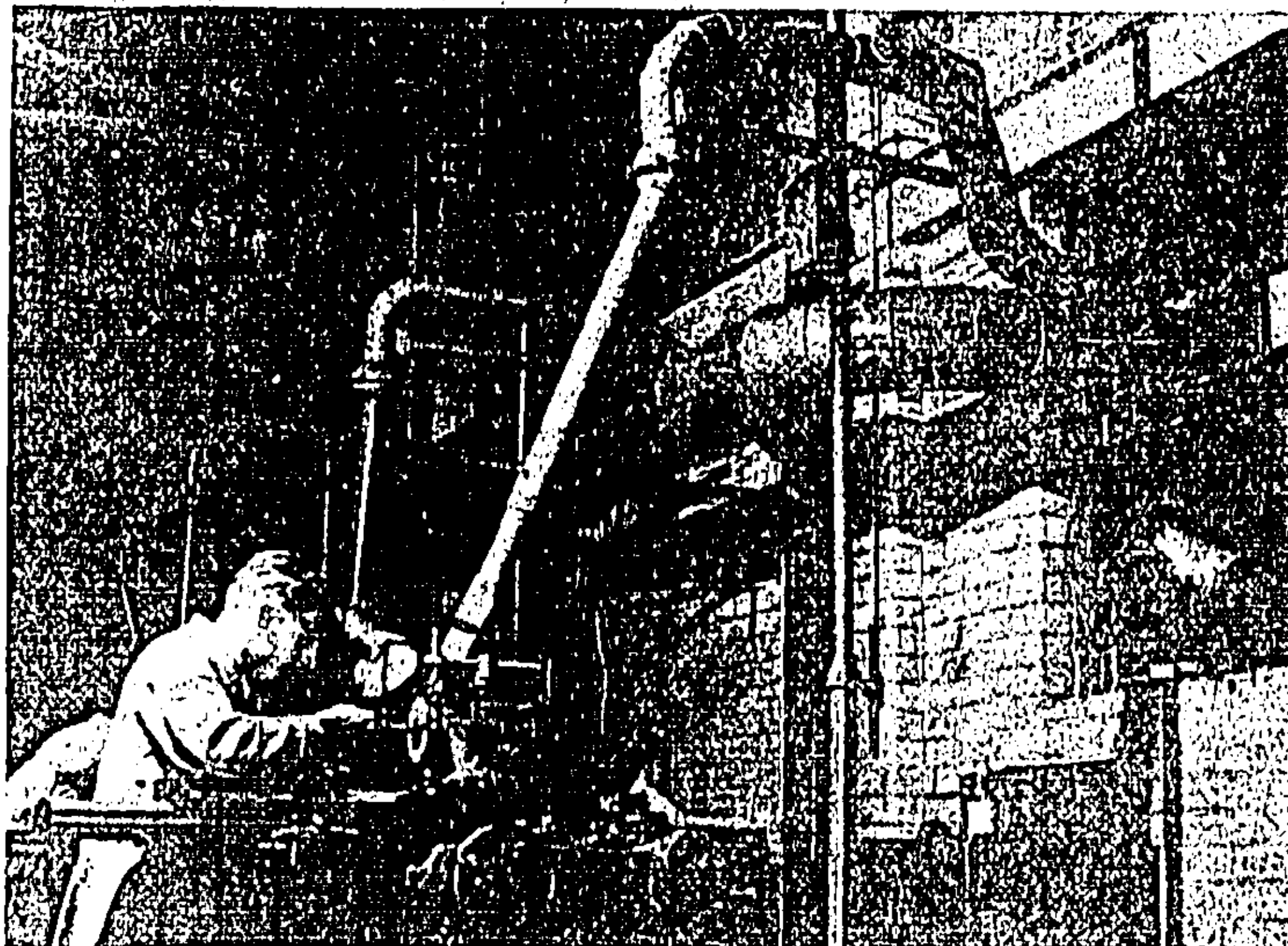
Obviously, these agreements had no legal value. But for that very reason they had an even greater practical value because efficient employers have made great contributions to the furtherance of safety in industry based on the practical knowledge.

Regulations for machine guarding

Owing to the technical complexities of operating conditions in the whole range of industries, it has not been easy to arrive at a general tabulation of the safeguards to be taken. There has recently been compiled a list of all those parts of industrial machinery of every kind which are dangerous, and which will cause accidents if not securely fenced or if not of such construction as to be as safe as they be if securely fenced.

The list, which includes every part of machinery used in all industries likely to prove dangerous, ranges from revolving shafts, spindles, mandrels and bars to projecting belt fasteners and reciprocating tools and dies. In all there are 25 distinct groups of parts listed.

One or more of these 25 groups of dangerous parts will be found



A machine in one of Britain's factories with a dust extractor fitted to it. Where machines create abrasive dust during operation, dust extractors are being fitted to prevent the dust from harming the health of the worker. This is one of the many practical measures taken in Britain to look after the welfare of workers in industry.

on every machine used in industry of any kind, no matter what processes are used. By referring to the list, any factory manager will know at once what parts of every machine in his plant must be guarded to prevent accidents.

Any of the five recognised methods of guarding or a combination of them can be applied to any machine. The five methods are:

1. A fixed guard, or
2. An automatic guard, or
3. An interlock guard, or
4. A trip guard, or
5. A positional safety guard.

Accidents due to women's hair

Other safeguards to be taken call for a good deal of patience and correct psychology in dealing with personnel. A major cause of serious accidents is the catching up of clothing or hair in machinery. During World War II there was at one time an alarmingly high rate of scalp accidents amongst female munition workers. Many women were new to factory life, and did not like to conceal attractive hair in caps and nets. Some frightful accidents happened in consequence usually on unfenced or inadequately fenced machinery.

Accidents of this kind do still occur in Britain's factories, but they are infrequent because the machinery that caused these accidents is better fenced, also, by patient internal relations, female staff have been made aware of the dangers of their jobs.

Men are reluctant to take precautions sometimes: welders often remove eye-shields because of the discomfort of wearing them and pay a heavy price in consequence. But manufacturers of this type of protective device now are supplying more comfortable goggles, and wearers are less inclined to take them off.

Some of the most important advances in accident prevention have taken place in Britain's textile industry. Agreements have been worked out with cotton-

weaving and spinning companies, laying down minimum safety requirements for spacing of machinery and guarding.

An important clause deals with the possibility of expansion, because in the past firms sometimes installed more looms to increase output in existing space, with the result that cramped working conditions increased the risk of accidents. Today, in erecting a new shed, "in order to allow for possible future developments involving the installation of deeper looms, the depth allowed for two looms and alleys should be not less than 10 feet nine inches."

More space for machinery

Weaving mills now are in some instances removing idle looms to create more space for safe and easy movement. Back alleys and spaces between looms and wall have been widened. This is done largely to reduce the risk of rupture and strain inherent in carrying beams on the shoulder around pillars and in narrow footways. In seeing that the new recommendations on spacing are carried out, the Inspector of Factories has the backing of a tough enforcement rule.

When he directs that certain steps must be taken to minimise the risk of accident or strain in beam-carrying, the mill owner may claim that the required steps are unreasonable. In that case an independent Committee, representing the employer, operator, and the Factory Inspector will carry out an examination of the mill.

The Committee must then communicate its decision at once both to the employer and the District Factory Inspector.

Another interesting development concerns the reducing of the effect of dust-polluted atmosphere in spinning-mills. Various medical authorities have established after long research that certain lung complaints are definitely traceable to cotton-dust. The term is prevalent due to the condition, in which United

States growers send the raw material to Britain. Spinning companies are spending hundreds—some cases thousands—of pounds on installing special dust-extraction machinery and oil-spraying equipment to reduce this danger. These safety-practices governing cotton-mill operation in Britain today have been arrived at after a long process of improvement on voluntary agreements.

Atom-smasher may create matter

Construction of a giant atom-smasher that actually may create matter from energy has begun at Stanford University, California.

The 160-foot electron linear accelerator, a new weapon for scientists probing the fundamental secrets of nature, will hurl particles with an energy of more than 1,000,000,000 electron volts.

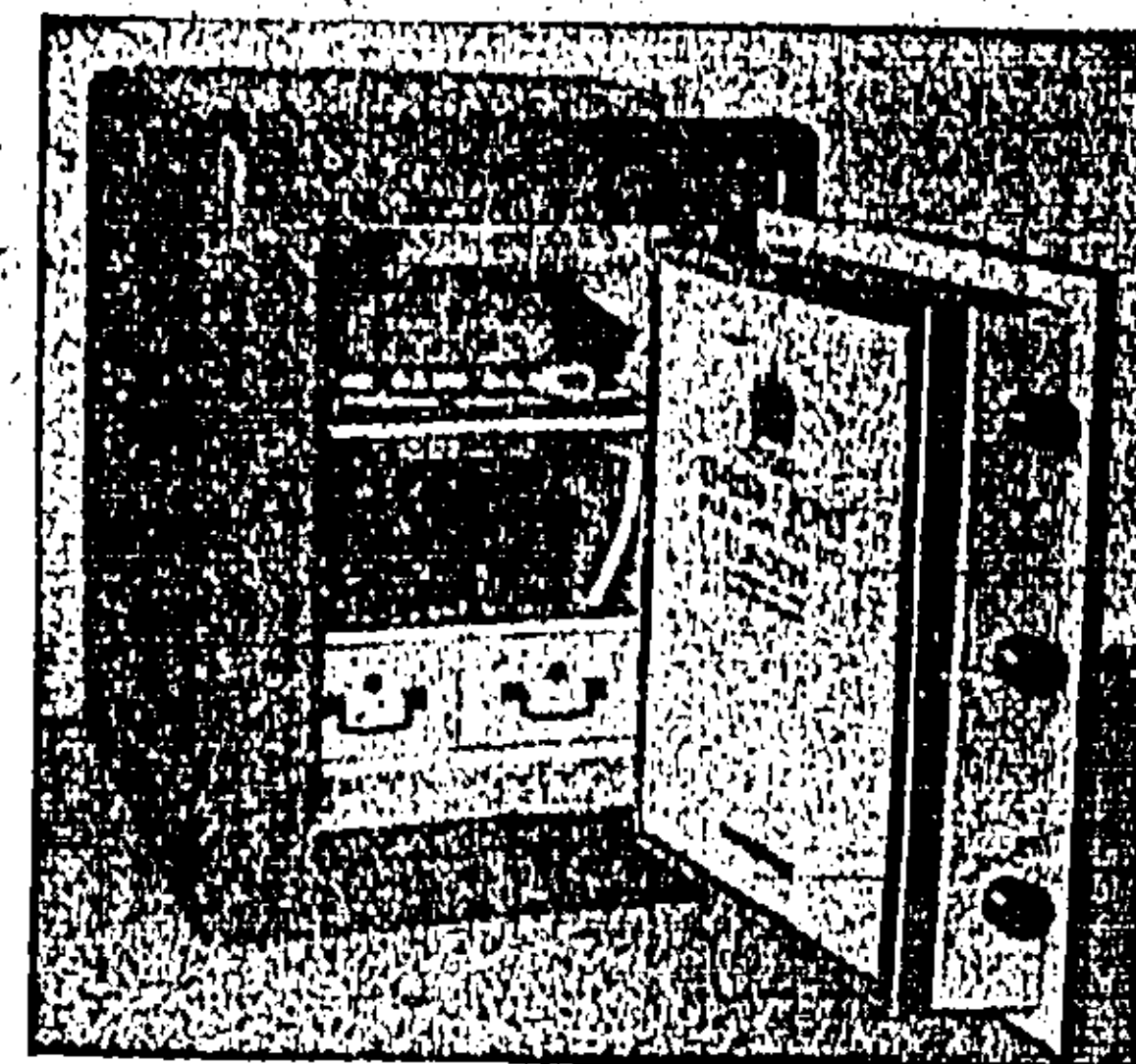
Dr. William W. Hansen, director of Stanford's microwave laboratory, believes the high-energy bombardment will give scientists the laboratory equivalent of cosmic rays.

It also may permit production of protons and neutrons—atomic particles—in what would be literally the creation of matter from energy.

The scientific importance of the linear accelerator lies in the fact that it will bombard the heart of the atom with a stream of billion-volt electrons—the light, negatively-charged part of the atom. Other atom smashers, such as cyclotrons, used the heavy, positively-charged particles.

Hansen says that hammering at atoms with such high energy electrons, long a physicist's dream, will open a new field of experimentation in elementary particle physics.

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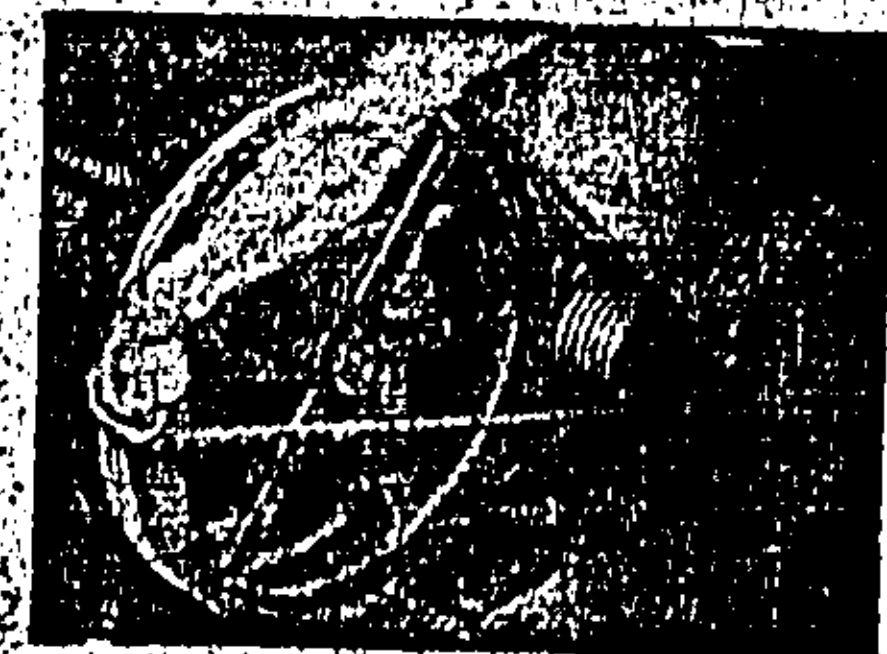
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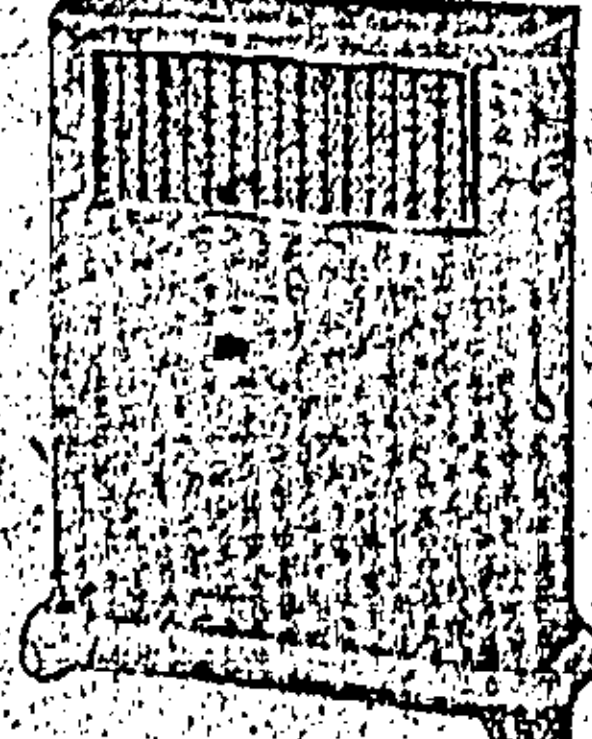
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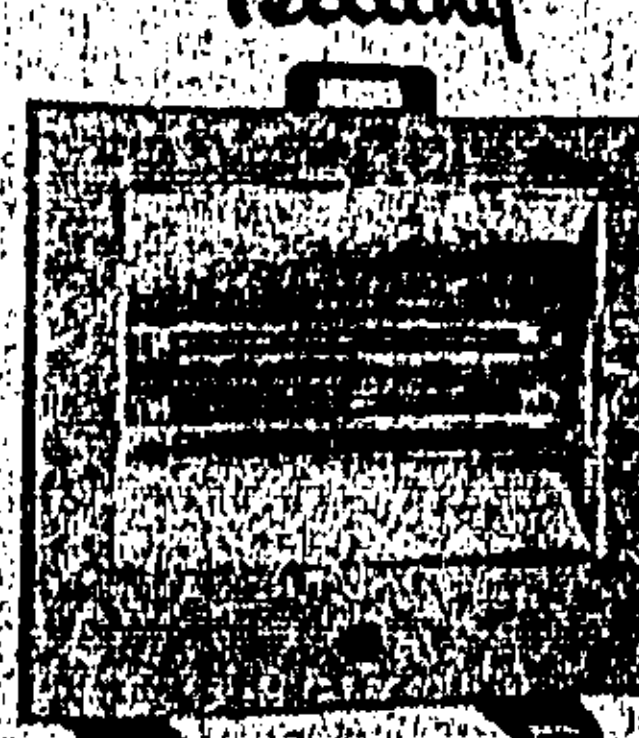
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SYRIAN CABINET MUDDLE

Damascus, December 27. The Syrian Constituent Assembly today refused to accept the resignation of the President-elect, Hashim Atassi, submitted to it yesterday.

Khaled Azim, a former Prime Minister, is expected to form a new Cabinet tonight.

Army officers, led by Colonel Abix Shishakali, acted power on December 19, after arresting the Chief of Staff, General Sam Hinnawi, who took over in the same way himself only five months earlier.

Khaled Azim was asked last week to form a Cabinet but failed. The President-elect, Atassi, then entrusted Hinnawi with the Premiership.

After being in office for only 24 hours Hinnawi resigned on Sunday night.

No reason was given but reports which reached Beirut in neighbouring Lebanon said that his action was due to censorship and control imposed by the Army on the actions of his Ministers.

Hashim Atassi, who has not yet taken his oath as President after being elected head of the State earlier this month, then also submitted his resignation. Reuter.

Britons in stranded vessel

Manila, December 28. Two Britons are among the passengers in the American ship Silverwain, which is aground on a shoal off Palawan. They are Miss R. Courts and Major P. E. Terry, who boarded the ship at Calcutta.

The two other passengers on the ship are Americans, L. L. Hall and Mrs. E. S. Lee, who also boarded the ship at Calcutta.

The Luzon Stevedoring Company reported that the first of their tugs reached Royal Captain Shoal, 40 miles West of Southern Palawan, late last night. The Silverwain grounded there early on December 26.

The big sea-going tug Narwhal said the vessel's bow was too hard aground on the reef for a lone tug to pull off. The Narwhal said it would stand by until three other tugs and two lighters arrive from other Philippine points to help it lighten the vessel by removing some cargo. Associated Press.

FIRST WEDDING IN 2,000 YEARS

Jerusalem, December 27. The first wedding on Mount Zion, Jerusalem, for almost 2,000 years took place today when an inspector of immigrant youth institutions married a girl who had gone through German concentration camps and British camps in Cyprus.

As the Rabbi read the marriage ceremony cold winds blew through broken windows of the vaulted hall of King David's tomb synagogue opened recently as the nearest synagogue to the Walling Wall and the Temple area. Reuter.

PRISONERS RIOT

Calcutta, December 27. Two prisoners were killed and several others received bullet injuries, when prisoners being carried in a closed police van in North Calcutta suddenly fell upon their guards in an attempt to escape.

The prisoners, who were being carried from Dum Dum to the North Eastern outskirts, to Howrah, in the centre, attempted to snatch rifles from the guards, and in the ensuing scuffle shots were fired.

The driver, heading the shooting within the van drove at top speed to the nearest hospital where the van was opened and the injured admitted. Two of the prisoners were found to be dead. Reuter.

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Belgrade, December 27.

M. Eduard Kardelj, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, told the National Assembly here today that his country's relations with the United States, Britain and France had recently become better.

He added that there was nothing in them that would influence either the internal or the foreign policy of Yugoslavia.

M. Kardelj, who was reviewing Yugoslavia's foreign policy during the past year, claimed that increased trade relations and loans with the West were making Yugoslavia stronger economically and politically.

Referring to the Cominform dispute, M. Kardelj said that Yugoslavia was prepared to come to an agreement but only on a basis of mutual respect and equality.

The Yugoslav Government does not belong to any bloc, he declared. It was the organ of the Yugoslav people who will not submit to any hegemony regardless of its colour.

The Foreign Minister then continued to review Yugoslavia's foreign policy with various countries.

Italy: He said that there was no reason why Yugoslavia should not have close relations with Italy and claimed that its Government had several times tried to minimize the causes of disagreement between the two nations.

"But when we talk about relations to Italy we must say that Italy should pay more attention to the Slovenes in Italy and give them national rights. However, we expect that this policy will be changed."

Trieste issue

Trieste: "There can be no solution without Yugoslav participation. Only these can be the interest of peace and security."

Greece: "We did not hide the sympathies for the Greek Democratic forces nor do we hide them today." He added that for the sake of good relations with Greece, Yugoslavia wished that the alleged "terror" there would stop because "otherwise Greece will remain unstable."

"Our relations with Greece depend very much on the internal situation," the Minister stated.

Germany: M. Kardelj said that Yugoslavia has not recognised either the East or West German Governments "because we consider the country to be occupied." He added that his Government wanted to see Germany united because "we think Germany an important factor in Europe. We shall recognise the Government only after the occupation is over."

M. Kardelj added that Yugoslavia wanted commercial relations with both West and East Germany but it was not responsible for the fact that there was

no formal co-operation with Eastern Germany at present.

The Minister said that Yugoslavia had made every effort to improve economic relations with foreign countries in 1949 and now had them with 46 countries, 24 of which had signed trade agreements.

Pact with Britain

Referring to the trade agreement with Britain signed yesterday, M. Kardelj said that it was on a basis of complete economic reciprocity. He added that Yugoslavia would sign further agreements with Latin America and Turkey.

Referring to the \$25,000,000 loan from the Import-Export Bank of America and the \$25,000,000 loan from the World Bank, he said that it made no difference so far to Yugoslavia's economic difficulties, caused by the Cominform blockade.

"We received the loan at the end of this year and so we had to overcome our difficulties ourselves."

Referring to China, M. Kardelj said that in spite of the Cominform attitude to the Chinese Government, he considered the Chinese Revolution a historical event for the whole of humanity.

M. Kardelj ended in a note of defiance against Russia and the Cominform, saying that Yugoslavia would continue her present policy with greater determination than ever before.

"The dogs are barking but the caravan goes on," he declared. Reuter.

Debate on Kashmir postponed

Lake Success, December 27.

The Security Council debate on Kashmir, due to begin today, has been postponed until tomorrow.

A spokesman for General A. G. McNaughton, of Canada, this month's Council President, who has been conducting informal talks with Indian and Pakistan representatives, said that the Indian delegation had asked for the postponement in order to receive communications from his Government.

The spokesman declined to comment on the substance of the communications awaited.

He stressed that the postponement was nothing more than deference to the wishes of the Indian delegation.

Consultations between General McNaughton, Indian and Pakistani delegates had been going on literally hour after hour, including Saturday and Monday. Reuter.

Poles reject protest by France

Warsaw, December 27. Poland today categorically rejected a verbal protest by the French Ambassador, M. Jean Baele, against the sentence passed by a Polish military court at Wroclaw last week on four French nationals accused of espionage.

The Acting Foreign Minister, M. Stefan Wierbirowski, announced the rejection of the French protest. The findings of the court and the sentences were announced last Friday. Reuter.

MISSING AIRMEN SAFE

Washington, December 27.

Two United States Naval flyers who have been missing for 14 months are being held near Tsingtao in Communist China and are safe and well, according to China Communist reports.

The flyers, Elmer Bender and William Smith, disappeared on a flight from Tsingtao.

The State Department today announced that the Commission Foreign Affairs Bureau at Tsingtao during the first week of December informed the United States Consul, Carl Hawthorne, that the men were safe and well in the largest Communist military base just outside Tsingtao.

"Delay in the receipt of this report was due to lack of radio communications with United States officials at Tsingtao," the State Department explained in a telegram to their next of kin.

The Department Press spokesman, Michael McDermott, announced simultaneously that the United States Consulate at Tsingtao was closed to the public on October 15 and the Consulate staff is now awaiting transportation to Shanghai and eventual departure from China.

The Department said it is trying to get more information about Smith and Bender and to effect their release. The Department did not reveal how the report was transmitted to the United States. It was the Communists' first official admission that they are holding the flyers. Associated Press.

TOLL OF JAP EARTHQUAKE

Tokyo, December 28.

Damage from Monday's series of earthquakes was estimated by the Japanese National Rural Police today at 1,302,000,000 Yen.

Final figures compiled by the police show the toll at eight dead, one injured, one missing, 103 buildings collapsed, 338 damaged, four bridges destroyed and unestimated damage to power plants, water systems and railroads.

No further damage resulted from two aftershocks last night.

Emergency squadrons of police have been withdrawn from the Mito district, about 85 miles North of the Tokyo-Yokohama area. Welfare workers have made provision for the needy. Police said, 1,622 persons were affected materially by the quake damage. Associated Press.

YUGOSLAVIA TO SPEND MORE ON DEFENCE

Belgrade, December 27.

Lieutenant General Ivan Goshnjak, Assistant Yugoslav Defence Minister, announced today that Yugoslavia is about to expend her arms Budget from 25,000 million dinars to 28,000 million this year.

The General said that it was not to maintain an army of 1,000,000 men as Cominform propaganda alleged: the Yugoslav Army remain on a peace footing, but to build up a war industry and make the country more independent.

"It is an illusion to think that a country which does not have its own war industry can have a well-equipped army and, at the same time, remain independent," he said.

"Our leadership has decided to build up our own war industry because we have all the necessary materials at home."

The Minister charged that the Cominform was spreading "lies" about Yugoslav forces in order to make it appear that Marshal Tito remained in power only by means of bayonets and to shake the confidence of the people in Yugoslavia.

The General said that Soviet "sabre rattling" had frightened no one in this country.

The Minister of Interior, Aleksandar Rankovic, asked for a "mass movement" to strengthen Yugoslavia's anti-aircraft and air-raid defences.

In a speech which lasted for more than an hour, Rankovic also announced that the Government will grant an amnesty to more than 7,000 prisoners.

Civil defence

He said that the Cominform had confused the workers of the world with its attacks on Communist Yugoslavia and emphasized that there are no internal disturbances in Yugoslavia. Over 1,500 persons imprisoned for Cominform sympathies have been released in recent months. Since 1944, Rankovic said, 17,810 prisoners have been set free, of whom 3,463 will have been released this year. Besides that, the Government is making preparations to set free an additional 7,305 condemned since the liberation.

Rankovic gave no further details of the amnesty in his speech.

"On national security he said: 'Up to now, about 500,000 people have been trained and thus included in units of the passive defence (air-raid), but this activity must be made into a mass movement.'"

He said that special instruction courses and lectures will be organised throughout the country.

"Of State security, Rankovic said that he believed the Cominform leaders are 'not quite convinced that they could bring Yugoslavia to her knees quickly.'"

State security

He added: "The methods of our State security will remain human and not bureaucratic. The strength of our state security

lies in the fact that it is struggling for the welfare of the people who support us. The Cominform is very surprised that Yugoslavia could endure for so long." He then quoted statistics to show that crimes in Yugoslavia are on the decrease.

Rankovic concluded his address by declaring that the Cominform campaign again had "failed completely."

Frantiz Leskoshek, Minister of Heavy Industry, was the next speaker. Parliament was convened on Monday to discuss the 1950 budget and other State business. It expires on January 31, 1950.

Leskoshek said that Hungary, Rumania, and the Soviet Union owe Yugoslavia a total of 320,171,000,000 dinars for goods received, while Yugoslavia has paid 424,624,000 dinars in advance to the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries, for which Yugoslavia received nothing. United Press.

TUC CALL ON BIG PROFITS

London, December 27.

The 8,000,000-member Trades Union Congress today called for a thorough Government check on excessive profits in industry to complement its own drive to curb inflation by holding wages down.

In a 5,000-word report on wages policy, the TUC said its General Council would convey to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, its views on "exceptionally high profits which are likely to be made in certain industries as an indirect result of devaluation."

"The General Council are of the opinion that insufficient attention is being by large sections of industry to the need for avoiding excessive profits."

On wages, the General Council made no suggestion for a standstill on wage earnings, but expressed the hope that "as productivity increases, the earnings of a large section of work people will be increased." United Press.



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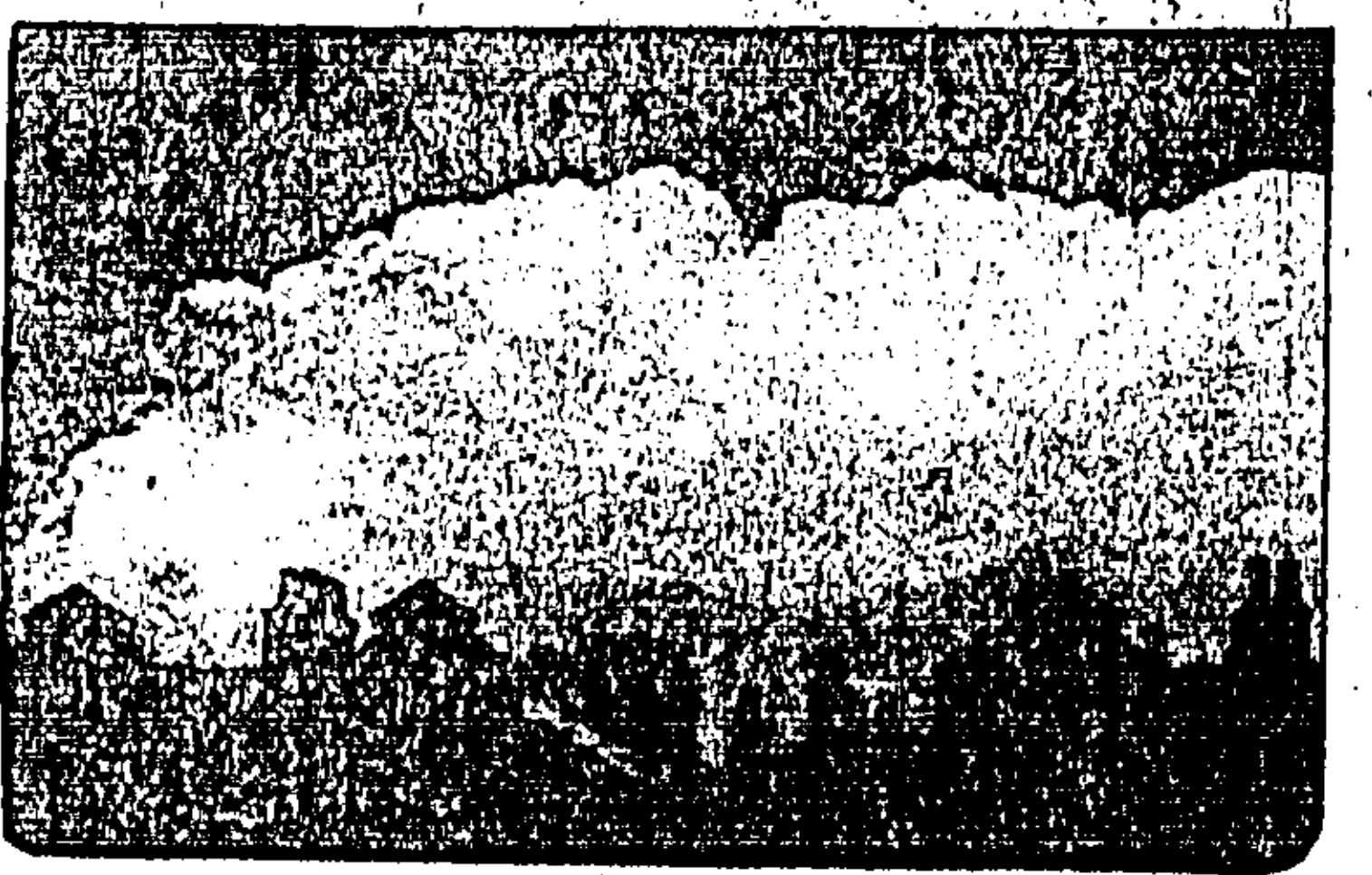
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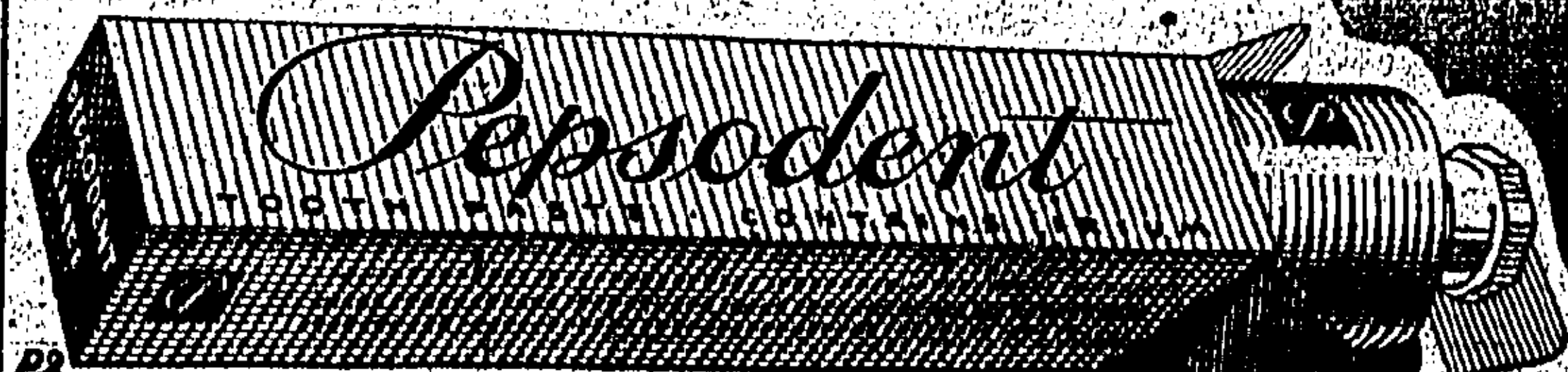
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Senator wants a big reduction in ERP funds

Washington, December 27. The Republican Senate leader, Kenneth Wherry, today advocated a cut of US\$1,500,000,000 in the Marshall Plan appropriation for the next fiscal year instead of the expected \$1,000,000,000 cut.

In a statement to the Press, Senator Wherry said: "Congress should take a firm hold on ECA."

VICAR TESTS A PARABLE

Early, December 28. When the Vicar, Stanley Robinson, tested St. Matthew's "Parable of the Talents" on 15 parishioners, he found they had better business heads than the three servants in the Bible.

To raise Church funds, he gave each a shilling—just as the parable's hero gave one servant five talents, another two, and a third one.

In the parable, two servants doubled their capital and the third brought back only the original talent.

But Vicar Robinson's "good and faithful servants" turned in £11:8:1d. on the 15/- investment.

A bank manager spent his "shilling on petrol and charged his friends for lifts."

A tailor bought a zip fastener and made a pouch that sold for £2:5:0.

Others made and sold iron holders, or built up brisk little sidelines in cigarettes, razor blades, papers and flowers.

Only one failed: the Church organist, Leslie Pratt, who tried himself for a day for being "beyond of plans" until he owed 14/-.

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"We should be thinking of procedures for transition from the present gifts and grants policy out of the pockets of American taxpayers to resumption of private enterprise."

He said production is now above pre-war levels in ECA countries, whose problems now can be solved only by themselves.

He added: "A reduction of \$1,500,000,000 in the ECA appropriation for the next fiscal year is simply guaranteed by conditions in ECA countries and budget."

Senator Wherry also accused the United States administration of a "tragic blunder" in policy toward China.

As an illustration of the lack of non-partisan approach in foreign policy, Senator Wherry said:

Neither Congress nor the American people were consulted in the Administration's betrayal of China into the hands of the Moscow-directed Communists of China.

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Christmas tragedy on the Rhine

Dusseldorf, December 27. Ten people, aged between 16 and 28, were drowned in the Rhine last night when a small boat capsized while crossing the river.

Six others also aboard were rescued.

The party, according to the police, had come from a Christmas celebration and were trying to cross the Rhine in a boat built for eight people only.

Strong currents in the middle of the river caused it to overturn, the police said.

The bodies of the drowned had not been recovered yet.—Reuter.

SWEDES LEAVE PRESS BODY

Stockholm, December 27. The Swedish Journalists' Association today decided to withdraw from the International Organisation of Journalists which has its headquarters in Prague.

Dutch, Norwegian, Belgian and British journalists' unions have already withdrawn from the Organisation.—Reuter.

U.S. TO BEGIN ARMS AID IN FEBRUARY

Washington, December 27. American officials believe United States arms and military equipment will begin moving to or so behind schedule.

This delayed start means that the Administration will have only five months to use the \$1,000,000,000 Congress appropriated to re-arm the Atlantic Pact countries.

Unless the money is spent or earmarked by June 30, when the fiscal year ends, it will go back to the United States Treasury.

Officials expressed confidence, however, that the fund could be spent or allocated within the time limit. Most of the paper work had already been done, they said.

Much of the delay stems from the unexpectedly long discussions with the British Government over explicit terms.

Each of the eight Atlantic Pact countries that are to get American arms must sign separate agreements with the United States specifying how American equipment is to be used in defence of the North Atlantic area.

Britain last week objected to the wording of the draft agreement suggested by the United States.

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that economic recovery will have priority over the mutual aid aspects of the military programme.

In addition, the State Department told Britain informally, it was learned, that it would omit any written ban against sending home-made military equipment outside the North Atlantic area.

Disputed clause

In the original American draft, the United States had suggested that each country agree to consult first with the United States before making any important military shipments outside the North Atlantic area.

Britain thought that this might interfere with sending military equipment, when needed, to such areas as Malaya and the Middle East.

The State Department now has decided to leave out any reference to this at all. It is taking the position that it can always object through its representative on the North Atlantic Council when it believed such shipments are weakening the total defence forces in the North Atlantic area.

Government officials emphasised, however, that the ban against transferring any American military equipment without prior consent from the United States still stands.—Reuter.

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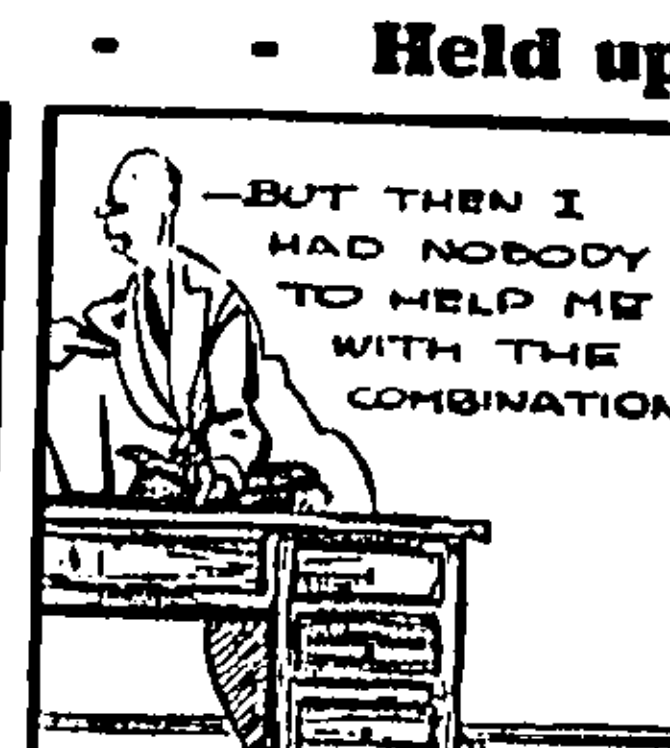
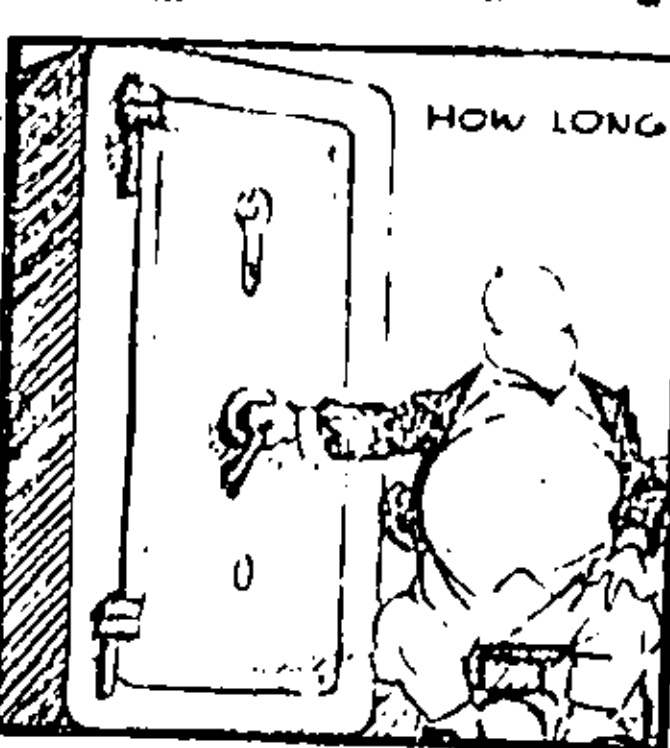
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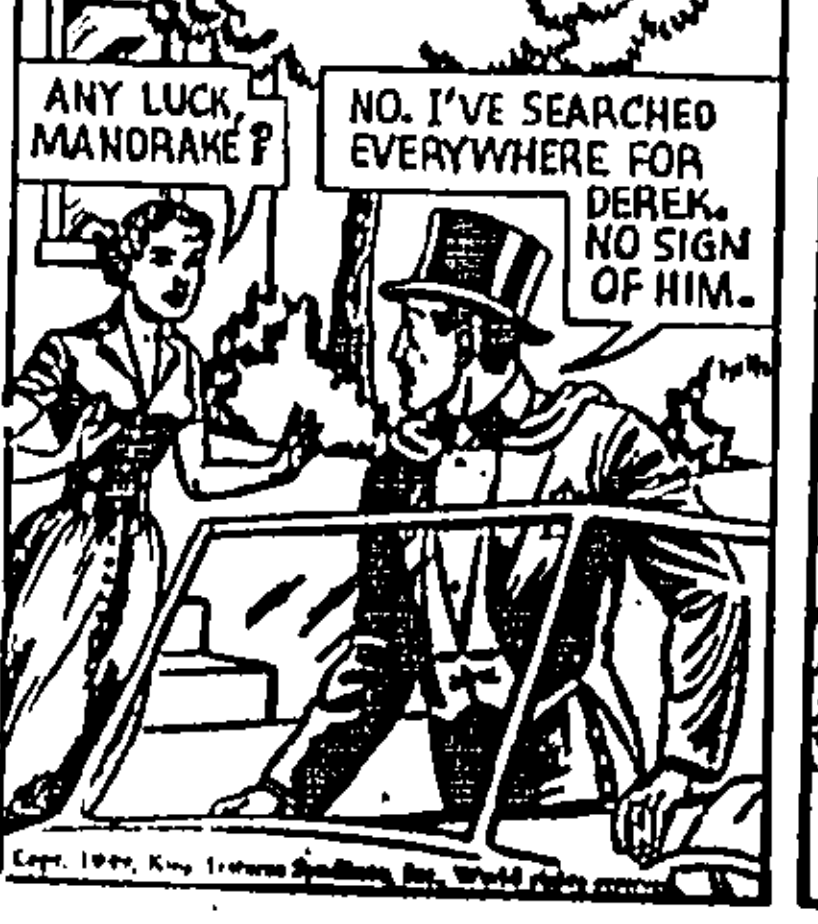
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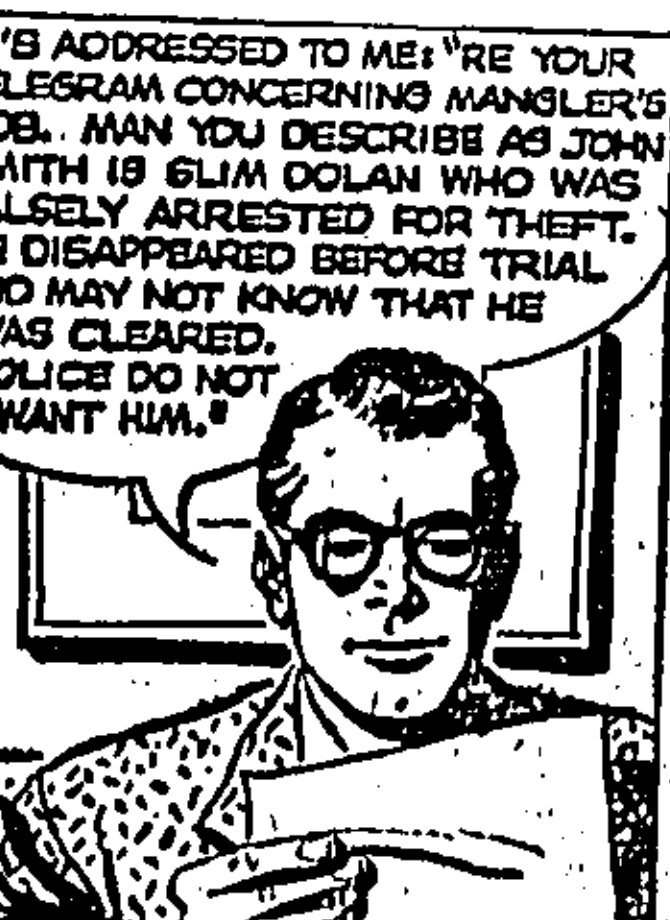
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CHINESE COMMUNIST RACE AGAINST TIME

(By Fred Hampson)

The Chinese Communists are racing with time as the chill blasts of their first Winter in power sweep over China.

They are racing to get their police State type of control consolidated and to end the civil war before internal opposition to their regime stiffens.

Their huge armies, their growing bureaucracy, costs of war and reorganisation have imposed upon them the same burdens that crushed their Kuomintang enemies.

Inflation is rampant again. Price controls have broken down. Discontent is widespread in both cities and countryside. Unemployment is at dangerously high levels and is beginning to pull down wages. Worried farmers have been selling rice for ordinary stockpile against the off season because they are afraid of more commandeering by the military. Taxes are high and getting higher.

There are reports already of food shortages in some districts, but the controlled Press and the limitations of travel make it impossible for an impartial observer to get the real facts about food or lack of it. There is still enough food in the cities.

The Communists' New China News Agency, in a dispatch from Peking on December 4, admitted the Reds were in serious economic and financial difficulties. The dispatch, which obviously came from high quarters, warned that price increases in 1949 were inevitable and that the situation would get worse in 1950, which was described as "a crucial year."

But 1950, the dispatch said, would see a balancing of the budget and the beginning of progress. The dispatch continued with a statement of the Red leader, Mao Tse-tung: "Our situation can be generalised as follows: There are difficulties but there are ways and means and there is hope." In contrast to the free-wheeling propaganda of the Communist Press, which blithely insists that all is well, Mao's statement is a startling warning.

Two courses

I have been in Red China since Shanghai fell to Chen Yi's troops in the last days of May, who have had a terrific struggle trying to control the economic situation in the Lower Yangtze, are now attempting to hold power in spite of early reverses in two ways:

1. By intensive, nation-wide indoctrination and by trying to convince a sceptical population that the present troubles merely are growing pains to greatness.

2. By direct military force at danger points.

There is no immediate danger of a major uprising against the Reds, simply because there is no possible way for the opposition to consolidate against them. The Party has, or is attempting every phase of Chinese life to organise and to watch.

The danger to the Red regime lies rather in the steady pressures of an unhappy people, the resistance and the despair of overburdened peasants who are too short of food to take the long view, the opposition of labour which is tired of promises and pay envelopes which already won't stretch far enough.

It looks to me as though the Reds must hold on by force until their programme has a chance to work, if indeed it ever can be made to work in a nation that was so poor to start with and so over-crowded that it leaves little, if any, margin for experimentation. The realities of the situation are catching up with the Chinese Communists very rapidly indeed.

Economic laws

The Reds held the inflationary line pretty well for their first couple of months in Western China and the Yangtze Valley. Their swift restoration of the railroads enabled them to deliver food to needy points far better than the old Nationalist Government, which always looked to foreign help to meet each succeeding emergency. But summer floods cut the crops, and the armies and the cities drained food from the countryside at a perilous rate once foreign ships stopped calling and that hallowed food source—ECA—disappeared.

The laws of economics began to catch up with the Reds early in the autumn. Like the Nationalists, they simply spent more than they could afford to spend. They increased taxes steeply, both in money and in kind, but my guess today is that they are spending somewhere between one half and two-thirds more than they earn.

So they have had to start printing money. When the Communists entered Shanghai last May, their dollar was quoted as 300 to one American dollar. When I left Shanghai October 9, a left Shanghai dollar fetched 16,500 Communist dollars and you could get a lot more on the black market if you had a contact or two. It was a little risky, but you sometimes got 20,000 to one.

Back in 1947 you could safely count on the Chinese dollar losing 100 per cent of its value every 90 days. If it was quoted at 20,000 to one on May 1, for example, you could depend on it being at least 40,000 to one by June 1. And we thought that was swift inflation. The Communist dollar was dropping a lot faster than that when I left Shanghai on December 9. My guess then was that it would be about 80,000 to one within a month.

Price units

The Communist money is losing value so fast that prices no longer are quoted in dollars and cents. They are quoted in various price units. When you pay your rent, for example, the rent price unit is multiplied by the exchange rate of the day—which the landlord himself sets—and that's your bill.

The Reds managed to control the rice price—vital commodity of China—during most of the autumn by dumping rice in the cities every time the price jumped. It was becoming apparent late in November that they were stripping the countryside to hold the line in the cities. The farmers themselves aided in his programme voluntarily. The reason for this seemed to be fear by the farmer of further commandeering by the military. The farmers were retaining no surplus on the farms. It appears the farmers preferred to sell their entire crop and buy back what they needed rather than leave it where the armies might get it.

In early December the Communist Press announced that the foodstuffs which the Red armies had "borrowed" from the farmers during the crossing of the Yangtze would be paid back. This was explained that some of these food loans came from "bourgeois"—in brief, that these food loans largely came from bourgeois who have no right to expect repayment. It looked very much as though the Reds didn't have the food to pay back. For that matter—rather than repaying any food loans, they are pushing a taxation in kind programme in the countryside trying to get more food.

Rice dumping in the cities began tapering off late in November and the prices jumped terrifically. There were periods of near panic and in Nanking some rice shops were looted. Rice was climbing steadily when I left Shanghai but there still seemed to be enough of it if you had the price.

You can depend on one thing—China can go through a major famine this winter and you will hear very little about it. Impartial newsmen are no longer roaming over China. The Press is difficult to read. The controlled Press is busy explaining Marxist blueprints, the lofty goals of Communist policies, or the evil of foreign imperialism, to say anything about famine.

Honeymoon over

So far as the rank and file of Chinese—the peasant, the worker, the bourgeois, big and little—the honeymoon is over. In the last three months I have asked at least a 100 Chinese of all walks of life to give me their

"War crimes evidence suppressed"

Moscow, December 27. "Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party paper, today accused the United States of holding back evidence of Japanese atrocities during the Tokyo war crimes trials. "The paper said the Japanese planned to use shells loaded with infected fleas and bacteria which they had already tried out against the Chinese, but 'the Soviet Union delivered a knock-out blow to the Japanese aggressors'."

"Pravda" was commenting on the trial of 12 Japanese germ warfare experts which began on Christmas Day before a Russian Military Court in the USSR-Manchurian border town of Khabarovsk. —Reuter.

estimate of the percentage of Chinese who favour the Red regime. Outside of Peking, members themselves the answers ranged from 60 to 90 per cent against the Reds.

Very few seem to have any faith in the future under the Reds. These are the people who felt that the Kuomintang Government had corrupted and crumbled into uselessness and who hoped the Reds would bring new vitality and hope. They seem to have lost hope quickly—perhaps too quickly—but they don't like the Red programme of stifling commerce, alienating the Western nations, regimenting the peasants and workers and launching on a social and industrial programme which they don't think can ever be achieved and which they don't think China is equipped for.

Chen Chai said, "They want to throw away what little progress we've made to try for a dream that's too big for us." Would they rather have the old Kuomintang Government back? Most of them hesitate over that but quite a number answered like this: "At least I could make a living under the KMT, not a very good living but a living." —Associated Press.

Reports from Canton

The Communist authorities at Canton have ordered individuals not to store more than a month's supply of rice. The order affects the entire Kwangtung Province. It has been made to facilitate rice supplies to cities. Persons found guilty of hoarding more than a month's need will be punished and the surplus rice confiscated.

A general increase of about 20 per cent in the prices of foodstuffs was registered in Canton during the past two days. Inflation is still worsening. The People's Bank have starting to circulate JPM\$500 and JPM\$1,000 notes.

Barbers in Canton are charging their customers for basic rice. A haircut at a first grade hairdresser's salon costs eight and half cents of rice—about HK\$2.70.

Through traffic on the Canton-Hankow Line will be accepted beginning from January 1. It was officially announced at Canton. The railway bridge near Kungong, North of Canton, has been repaired. When the through line is open, it will be possible to travel direct by railway from Canton to Peking.

Soldiers of the People's Liberation Army have been given the privilege of travelling free of charge at the expense of bus and shipping companies and the railway authorities. The Canton authorities announced that any member of the Army wearing military insignia is entitled to free travel. Previously, Army recruits required soldiers to pay the necessary fees.

A live duck with 30 gold bars in its stomach was confiscated at the Canton railway terminus during the holidays. Its owner was severely reprimanded but not charged. He was attempting to smuggle the gold out of Canton.

A strange sight—regarded as a good omen—caused considerable excitement among Canton's population on Christmas Eve, of bright star was seen within the crescent of the new moon. It disappeared after 40 minutes.

RAIN COMES TO NEW YORK

New York, December 27. New Yorkers today were drenched—but happy. The city, critically short of water, had its heaviest downpour of rain since last Spring. With the rain came heat. It was New Year's Eve, December 31, on record, the temperature reaching 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Officials said supplies in the city's two big reservoir systems had risen by 611,000,000 gallons. —Reuter.

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Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 megacycles per second and on 853 megacycles per second in the 21 metre band.

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1.30—"From the Shows."	
2.00—Close Down.	
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4.05—"London Promenade Orchestra"—John McLaugh (Guest Artist).	
4.20—"Organ Recital by Arnold Richardson from St. Marks" N. Audley Street. (BBC)	
4.30—"La Demi-Heure Francophone" (Studio).	
7.00—"World News and News Analysis" (Radio).	
7.15—"Sports Review" (Studio).	
7.30—"Take It From Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Emery and Jimmy Edwards. (BBC)	
8.00—"Evening Editorials" (London Relay).	
8.10—"It's Dancing Time"—With the Squadroneiros.	
8.40—"At the Opera"—The Degrade Opera by John Galsworthy. Arrangement by Frederick Austin. by the Glyndebourne Opera Company.	
9.30—"City of Birmingham Orchestra" (Radio).	
10.00—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay).	
10.15—"Weather Report."	
10.30—"Book Talk by Aileen Decker."	
10.50—"Thursday Serenade"—A Programme of Continuous Music Arranged by Betty Brown. (Radio)	
11.00—"Soft Lights and Sweet Music."	
11.15—"Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain. (Recorded London Relay)"	
11.30—"Close Down."	

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10.00—"Music For All."	
11.00—"The Four Knights."	
11.15—"Waltz Time."	
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Shanghai refugees in Macao

The Governor of Macao, Commander Albano de Oliveira, personally wished Merry Christmas to over 100 Shanghai refugees at their camp last Friday.

The refugees were subsequently presented with gifts and some money contributed by well-wishers in Macao.

Special amenities were provided by the Macao Government to enable the refugees to pass Christmas pleasantly, and the refugees themselves organised a dance.

Due mainly to the enterprise of Senhora Beliza Pereira, a Christmas dinner was provided. The dining-room was lavishly decorated with streamers. Supervising every detail was Senior Giro Rolis and the older Senior Adito Carlon, who permitted his poultry farm to command less of his attention during Yuletide.

Father Rodriguez, the camp religious supervisor, conducted the Christmas service, which was very well attended. In his sermon Father Rodriguez urged the refugees not to forget the spirit of Christmas and the need at all times for goodwill towards men. The successful Christmas, their first in camp, augurs well for the Shanghai refugees who have been promised money every month for personal expenses and a 50 per cent reduction in transportation charge.

One refugee told the "China Mail," "The Government here has proved itself humane, and we are all very grateful."

SHAH AT OPERA

New York, December 27. The Shah of Persia attended a special matinee performance of Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor at the Metropolitan Opera House today. The matinee was sponsored by the Near East College Association. Lily Pons, appearing for the first time this season at the Metropolitan, was in the title role. —Reuter.

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"LANGLESCOT" Mid Jan.	Early Feb.

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"PANAGHIA, K"	NEW YORK & HOUSTON.	24th Jan.
"CLEO"	NEW YORK & GULF PORTS.	4th Feb.
"AGATHI"	BALTIMORE, NEW YORK, & PHILADELPHIA.	2nd Half Jan.
"ANDREAS"	HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS, & NEW YORK.	1st Half Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"CLEO"	MANILA.	6th Feb.
"AGATHI"	-do-	2nd Half Jan.
"ANDREAS"	-do-	1st Half Feb.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

JAPANESE STAPLE FOOD PRODUCTION

Tokyo, December 27.

Officials in General MacArthur's Headquarters say that staple food production in Japan in 1949 was the highest since the occupation began in 1945.

According to statistics compiled by the Japanese themselves, the total output of staple foods was 14.4 million metric tons in brown rice equivalents.

This represents a slight increase over last year and is second only to the pre-war peak of 1939.

Mark B. Williamson, chief of the Agriculture division in General MacArthur's Headquarters, said: "At the termination of hostilities of World War II staple food production in Japan was at its lowest level since the turn of the century. The staple crops in 1945 yielded only 9.8 million metric tons, in brown rice equivalent, compared with 10.1-10.4 million metric tons in 1939-40 average of 13,000,000 metric tons and a wartime peak of 14,000,000 metric tons in 1942."

Japan has required food imports to feed its people even in periods of high production. The low 1948 crop alone placed the country's food supply in jeopardy.

"Agriculturalists in the Japanese Government and specialists in appropriate staff sections in Occupation Headquarters moved immediately at the beginning of the occupation to stimulate crop production," Mr. Williams said.

"Fertilizer was an urgent problem. The supply had dropped far below Japanese requirements. Domestic production of this item was given a high priority and large amounts were imported. By extraordinary efforts on the part of everyone concerned fertilizer supplies increased each year, until at present the consumption is approaching pre-war levels.

"Seed improvement, more effective control of insects and diseases, and an increase in the supply of other necessary production materials also have aided farmers in increasing production."

"Steady increases in crop yields have resulted from the program instituted. Following the 1946 low, total staple food production jumped to 12.9 million metric tons brown rice equivalents in 1946, remained about the same in 1947, and increased sharply to 14.3 million metric tons in 1948. The 1949 total was the highest since 1939, and was nine per cent above the 1931-40 average.

"Preliminary estimates of the crop reporting service, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, in place 1949 staple food production at 14.4 million metric tons brown rice equivalents. This is a slight increase over the 1948 production.

"Rice at 9.8 million metric tons and the combined wheat-barley crops at 2.4 million metric tons respectively are estimated to be the highest since the end of hostilities. Sweet potato production at 1.7 million metric tons, brown rice equivalents, is the second highest on record, exceeded only by the 1948 crop.

"White potato production at 430,000 metric tons, brown rice equivalents, is the highest on record, slightly above the previous high of 1946. These estimates are subject to revision with the receipt of later information."

"The progressive increase in food production, together with substantial food imports, has brought about a marked improvement in Japan's food position," said Mr. Williamson.

"A major share of the credit for this belongs to the farmers of Japan, who are traditionally hard working and who have given their full co-operation in attacking the country's food problem. The Japanese farmer has proved that he will produce if given the materials for production. The supply of these materials has been steadily increasing, and should continue to increase."

"Farmers and the Government must continue to work together if agriculture is to prosper. The Government must keep faith with those who till the soil and whose industrial and patriotic contribution to national rehabilitation has been second to none."

Ziangbe Rubber

The year ended December 31, 1948, was financially a disappointing one for the Ziangbe Rubber Company Limited. The Chairman, Board of Directors, Mr. W. A. Welch, told the annual general meeting of shareholders yesterday that a loss of £2,565,222 was suffered.

The loss was made up nearly entirely by office expenses in Hong Kong. The total debit balance on the Profit and Loss Account is £1,703,938, which has been carried forward.

Mr. Welch added that it is not yet possible to present accounts for the subsidiary companies, as it is not yet possible to assess the losses during the war years or since.

Kail Mingkie Estate was recovered in 1948 and was in production from July of that year. A considerable sum had to be spent on starting up again. Unfortunately, the estate was attacked in May 1949. This attack was beaten off by the manager and the estate guards. This attack had an adverse effect on the labour.

"In June the security position became so acute that no more tapping was possible, and as much movable property as possible was taken to safety to Tjilatjap. The manager and his subordinate staff, however, remained on the estate to look after the Company's affairs. The estate was brought into tapping again in August 1949.

Pasawahan Estate was brought into production under great difficulties in November 1948. In January 1949 the manager was kidnapped. He fortunately got away, and turned up again about six weeks later. It has been quite impossible to re-occupy this estate since this occurrence.

The opening of these Estates has cost a lot of money, and this has not been recovered, as production has been delayed. Certain payments on account of insurance have been received, however. An application has been made to the Reconstruction Bank for help, as the Company's finances are very low, and it is hoped that a substantial loan may be granted.

Bandoejo Estate, the Company's main property, has not been recovered, and no more information about it is to hand, except that it has been very extensively damaged.

Present at the meeting were Mr. W. A. Welch (Chairman), Messrs. H. Radcliffe, A. E. Pott (Directors), Mr. C. A. Smith (Secretary), Mr. J. C. W. Smith (General Manager), Mr. W. A. Welch & Co., Ltd., and Shareholders representing 51,300 shares.

INCOME TAX IN JAPAN

Tokyo, December 28.—The Japanese Government is planning to lessen the rate of income tax for the foreigner.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Hayato Ikeda, said at a Press conference yesterday.

Mr. Ikeda, however, said foreigners would have to pay the same corporation tax as Japanese. He said the present tax law discouraged the introduction of foreign capital into Japan. Some special measures must be taken to decrease income tax rates for foreigners, or to raise their personal exemption rates.—Reuters.

NOTICE

S.S. "HUPEH"

Arrived Hong Kong 20th December, 1949.

Consignees of cargo arrived per this above vessel on which General Average has been declared are hereby notified that the cash deposit now required is 50% of net arrived value of their goods—1949—on or before 10th January 1950.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, China Insurance Co., Ltd. December 28/1949.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 27. The stock market started to settle into lower price ground late today. The decline was not pronounced but a good many leaders were shoved into the minus column. Trading volume was about 1,600,000.

Bonquet Consolidated mining stock was the fifteenth most active issue with 9,900 share changing hands at 14 1/8 unchanged.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 70.41; Industrials 198.28; Bonds 21.23; 10 Utilities 40.95.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 22 1/4; Alaska Juneau 3 1/4; American Can 108.

Smelting 54 1/4; Telephone 145 1/4; Tobacco 74 1/4; Waterworks 7 1/4.

Anacosta Copper 28 1/4; Aviation Corp. 5 1/4; Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/4; Barnhart 56 1/4; Bendix Aviation 35 1/4; Bethlehem Steel 31 1/4; Boeing Aircraft 23 1/4; Borden Co. 49 1/4; Canadian Pacific 13 1/4; J. I. Case 39 1/4; Chrysler 65 1/4; Colgate 42 1/4; Commercial Solvents 10 1/4; Corn Products 7 1/4; Du Pont 61 1/4; Eastman Kodak 40 1/4; General Electric 41 1/4; Motors 70 1/4; Goodrich 69 1/4; Goodyear 43 1/4; Homestake Mining 46 1/4; International Harvester 27 1/4; Paper 36 1/4; Tel & Tel 9 1/4.

Johns Manville 47 1/4; Kennecott Copper 50 1/4; Montgomery Ward 53 1/4; National Distillers 22 1/4; Lead 37 1/4; New York Central 10 1/4; Packard Motors 3 1/4; Pan American Airways 8 1/4; Pennsylvania RR 16 1/4; Radio Corp. 12 1/4; Remington Rand 11 1/4; Republic Steel 23 1/4; Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/4; Schenley 29 1/4; Sears Roebuck 43 1/4; Shell Oil 37 1/4; Socoy Vacuum 16 1/4; Southern Pacific 49 1/4; Standard Brands 20 1/4; Oil of Calif. 60 1/4; Oil of N. J. 60 1/4.

Studebaker 28 1/4; Union Bag 28 1/4; Canfield 44 1/4; US Rubber 37 1/4; Steel 25 1/4; Lines 15 1/4; Westinghouse 31 1/4; Youngstown Sheet & Tube 76 1/4; Gen. Pub. Utilities 10 1/4; American Bantam Car was higher in the curb. Losers included Cities Service and International Petroleum.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

M/V "DEVALON"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on December 28, 1949, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, Dec. 27, 1949.

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Having arrived Hongkong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognized.

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December 28/1949.



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"President Madison"	Arr. Dec. 30	Sails Dec. 31
"President Pierce"	Arr. Jan. 9	Sails Jan. 10

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

"President Fillmore"	In Port	Sails Dec. 20
"President Tyler"	Arr. Jan. 24	Sails Jan. 25

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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"BENLOMOND"	U.K. via Singapore.	4th Jan.
"BENVOORLICHT"		4th Jan.
"BENVRACKIE"		6th Jan.
"BENVOORLICHT"		14th Jan.
"BENMACOHUI"		21st Jan.
"BENALDER"		27th Jan.
"BENMHOR"		10th Feb.
"BENAVON"		12th Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENLOMOND"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	6th Jan.
"BENVOORLICHT"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Antwerp & Havre.	18th Jan.
"BENVRACKIE"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	8th Jan.
"BENMHOR"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	16th Feb.
"BENMACOHUI"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp.	31st Jan.
"BENAVON"	Via Malaya, Colombo, Aden, Port Sudan, and other West Ports.	28th Feb.

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M.S. "FRANCISVILLE"	21st Jan.

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M.S. "SUNNYVILLE"	27th Dec.
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Money Market

Rates, quoted at the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange after the Christmas holidays were:

US dollars opened at HK\$55.34 and closed at \$55.34, after a short spell at \$55.4.

US dollars were sold for T.T. at HK\$55.34 down to \$55.34.

Sterling was stationary at HK\$15.25.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.60.

Finster, though quoted nominally, were quoted up to HK\$14.00, as compared with HK\$13.30 on Saturday.

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"ANDRE LEBON" 1st Jan.
"EPINAL" 10th Jan.
"YANG TSE" 10th Feb.

SAILINGS TO

"ANDRE LEBON" 2nd Jan.
"CHAMPOLLION" 18th Feb.
"LA MARSEILLAISE" 25th Feb.

FREIGHT SERVICE

"MORTAIN" 20th Jan.
"FORT DORIS" 15th Feb.

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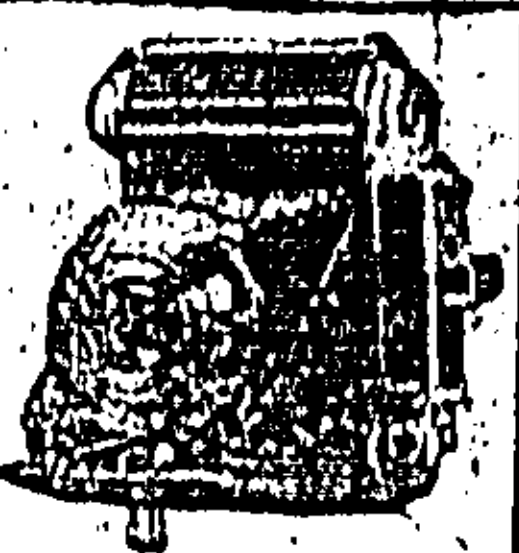
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Sports Pause



Interest in local soccer is on the wane

(By "ROVER")

While record crowds attended soccer games at Home during the Christmas holidays, the number of spectators attending local matches over the same period was, in comparison with figures of previous years, most disappointing. There is no doubt but that the enthusiasm and interest formerly displayed in encounters between local teams is waning and the reason is not difficult to understand.

The enthusiasm and interest in the ball and only given possession when in an unfavourable position and thus made to look like a player who is not in the game. The Hong Kong Football Association must shoulder the responsibility for the present state of affairs, it is to be hoped, however, that the Association will realise its responsibility and make a determined effort to free itself from the shackles which now bind it.

Rules not issued

Although it is now more than five months since the annual general meeting of the HKFA was held, no copies of the latest edition of the Association's Rules and Laws of the game have not been issued to its members. This is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs and is likely to cause much inconvenience and misunderstanding should any difficulty arise up and down the country. The Association should decide upon the exact action to be taken in certain instances.

On the down-grade

For many years past, soccer in the colonies has been on the down-grade because it has been under the control of the powerful in the hands of the few. The "powerful influence" is not prepared to give outsiders a chance but have devoted their efforts towards the building up of the game in the hands of the few. The Hong Kong Football Association should immediately concern itself about the issuing of its Rules and Laws in order to be able to control the game in the hands of the few. The Hong Kong Football Association should immediately concern itself about the issuing of its Rules and Laws in order to be able to control the game in the hands of the few.

England joint 6-1 favourites to win world soccer cup

(By Vernon Morgan)

Judging by the harsh things said by English football writers about the England-Italy match in London November, when England were lucky to win 2-0, England might as well not contest the World Football Championship in Brazil, but this point of view is evidently not shared by British bookmakers, who have made England point 6 to 1 favourite to take the Jules Rimet Trophy.

The co-favourites are the two local nations, Argentina and Brazil. The Scots will not like to see their price quoted at 8 to 1, or two points higher than England, for it is their view that they will go to Rio as Champions of the United Kingdom, a title which they can obtain by beating England at Hampden Park, Glasgow, in April.

So confident are the Scots of victory in this match that they have booked sea passages to South America. Everything is laid on for their earlier departure, and they will not go to Rio except as the British Champions. They could go as runners-up, but for reasons best known to themselves, they doggedly refuse to do so.

It was at one time thought that the Organising Committee would pay the expenses of the trip for the United Kingdom Champions, but now it has been decided that they will pay for both the winners and the runners-up. But still the Scots say that they will go only as the Champions and that they will be the Champions.

If they should lose to England, and this is possible, it would not only cost them the trip to Rio, but the cash deposit they have to pay for the berth for the party in the ship which they have already reserved. It would also cost them the British Championship.

Matter of prestige. For the English it is purely a matter of prestige for they are

Good turnout at Hunt Club meet

In contrast to the cool, dull weather conditions of the previous hunt, the Polo and Hunt Club Meet at Moller's Stables on December 27 was held in beautiful autumn sunshine which warmed the backs of a good turnout of enthusiastic riders and spectators, among whom it was good to see Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton and Mr. Eric Moller.

Despite the tidings that went around that "Buffy" Millard had laid a line to test the best, the field moved off in buoyant spirits. The field proceeded across the river and after several casts around found paper, and to the index of the Master's horn, swung along the Cheviot to this or that perfect going for galloping including one or two drop-backs for the unwary. A sharp run brought them to the border road check, feeling the need of some second wind.

Open ditch jumps

From there the trail led through Pine Tree Gap, on to a long stretch of grassland and ending back to cross the Border road, run on over some attractive rough and smooth country with open ditch jumps to San Uk Lung village, the second check. The hunt then proceeded on towards Telegraph Gap and ran into the Gungas Valley where ploughed fields necessarily took slow negotiation. Once across the field, rather for the run home along "the gallops," all excellent going and the thrusters set down for the finishing stretch and journey's end near Sun Wai Camp.

First three

The first three to finish were W. E. Grove, Mrs. Christabel Ayford and Major Williams in that order. Mrs. Williams in "Hop Yick" looked good for another 10 miles. Amongst others who took part in the run were: Capt. P. Young, Capt. G. K. Bidie, Lt. T. G. Barker, Lt. G. R. Anson, Mr. D. Nelson, Lt. D. J. Cape, Miss M. Terry, Mr. P. C. Cairns, Mr. J. Barrow, Mr. H. Maitland, Captain Martin, Major Lumley and Captain Porter. After the Hunt Mr. J. Barrow entertained members and friends to welcome refreshments and an excellent luncheon at his Tai Po residence.

The next Hunt will be held on Sunday, January 8, when there will be a lawn meet at Annandale by kind permission of Lt. Colonel Lamont of the 25th Field Regt.

Kln. Tong Garden City Club tennis tourney

The tennis tournament organised by the Kowloon Tong Garden City Club concluded during the Christmas holidays. The following are the results of games played before and during the holidays:

Singles Handicap
Y. K. Ng beat C. M. Tsang 6-3, 6-3.
Y. K. Ng beat Fritz Lin 6-3, 6-2.
Semi-final: Y. K. Ng beat D. Miao 6-3, 14-12.
Final: C. Y. Wong beat Y. K. Ng 6-4, 6-5, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles Handicap—Final
David Lee and T. W. Yau beat C. C. Lee and C. F. Lee 5-7, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Singles Championship
Semi-final: K. L. Wu beat S. Zeto 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, 6-0.
Final: R. H. Liang beat K. L. Wu 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles Championship—Final
Roch Liang and H. C. Kwok beat Lau Kai and Lau King 6-3, 6-1, 7-5.

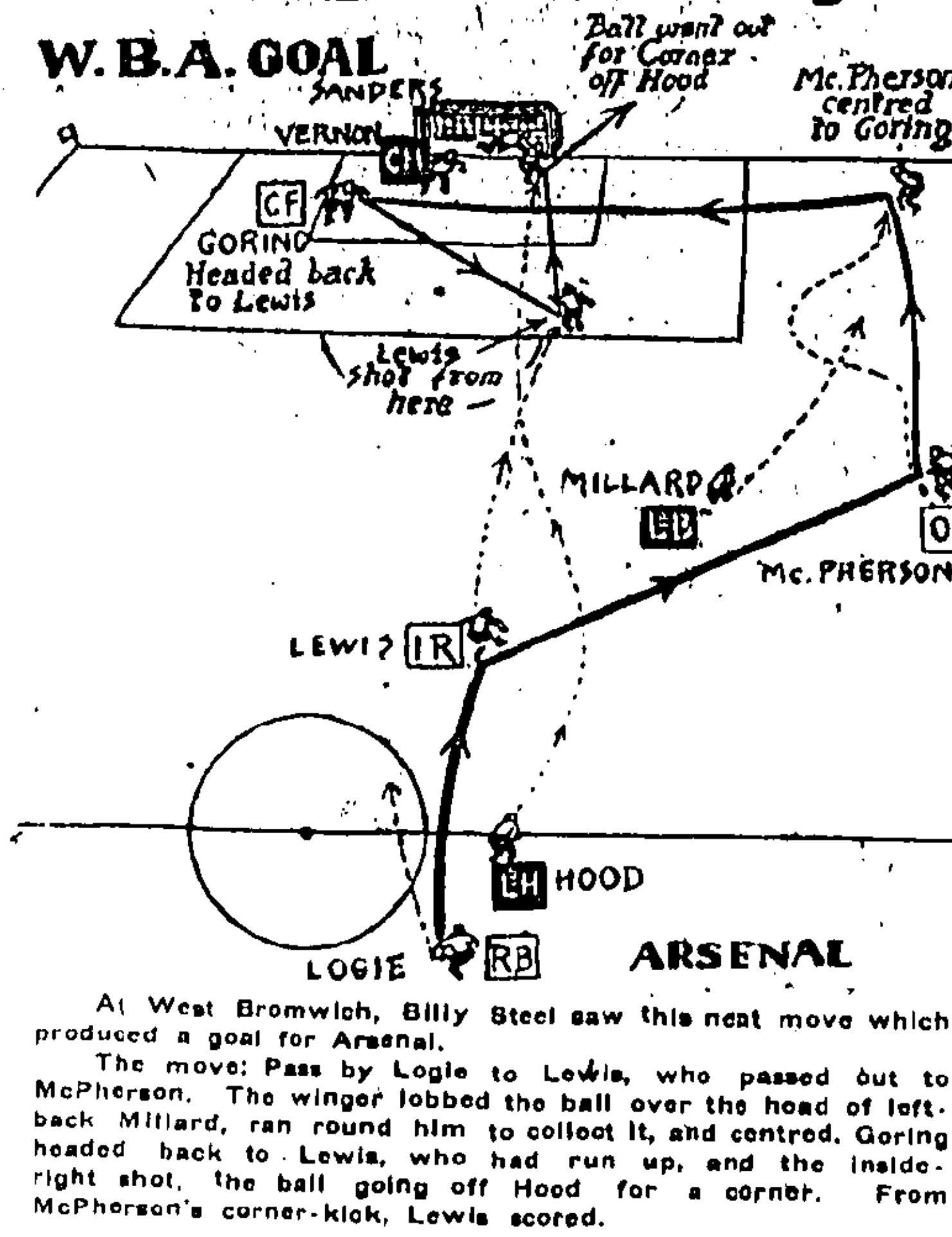
TABLE TENNIS INTERPORT

The Hong Kong-Macao Table Tennis Interport matches were played off at the Chinese YM.C.A., Bridges Street last night. In the Ladies' Interport the Hong Kong representatives defeated the visitors 2 games to 1. The visiting Men's Team proved too good for the local players and won by 4 games to 3.

BADMINTON

In the Men's "B" Division Badminton League game played at Kowloon Tong last night the Shanghaianders beat the Chinese YM.C.A. five sets to four.

Follow the ball through



At West Bromwich, Billy Steel saw this neat move which produced a goal for Arsenal. The move: Pass by Logie to Lewis, who passed out to McPherson. The winger lobbed the ball over the head of left-back Millard, ran round him to collect it, and centred, Goring headed back to Lewis, who ran up, and the inside-right shot, the ball going off Hood for a corner. From McPherson's corner-kick, Lewis scored.

Shape of things to come in home soccer

(By "ALBION")

With the strenuous period of holiday football over, things should now begin to take shape in the promotion and relegation battles at issue. Manchester United and Middlesbrough in Division I were amongst those who stood up to the hard going entailed in the Christmas programmes.

The United, now occupying second place in the Table, clash with their City rivals on Saturday. Normally this fixture would suggest a hectic struggle; however, Manchester City are experiencing a difficult period just now and an away win should be a fairly safe bet.

Middlesbrough's recent improved form might hold them good for a point at Fratton Park on Saturday, but I only say might. Pompey are a formidable hurdle on their own ground; teams such as Arsenal and Wolverhampton will bear this out. The Liverpool-Arsenal game would also suggest a "Battle Royal." Although Liverpool are not producing the results they have been, I think they should run out winners over the "Gunners" on Saturday, but mark you, with very little to spare!

Effort too late

Have Birmingham left the effort too late? I see that in their two games over Christmas they obtained three out of the four points at stake, which was a commendable effort. They go to Burnley on Saturday where, in the past they have always acquitted themselves fairly well. Last year they took a point from what was then a very strong Burnley, so with "new look" from the St. Andrew boys, I think they might manage to share the spoils.

Wolves recent downward trend does not seem likely to be halted in their home game with Blackpool on Saturday. Blackpool are going "great guns" just at the present and they should at least be able to take a point from the Wolves.

Nothing short of a miracle would now seem to be able to prevent the Spurs from ascending to the First Division next season. They now have a 10 point lead over Sheffield Wednesday, their nearest rivals. (Southampton looked in a similar unassailable position last season then failed, but the strength of any soccer team lies in its reserves, and Tottenham can produce these in almost any position on the field).

They have Cardiff City as their visitors on Saturday and should progress further in their ambition to reach the top.

Not consistent

Hull City are not consistent enough to consider as promotion candidates—they thrash some one one week and then go down badly to an inferior team the next; this is not what one expects from a team with such talents. They go to Bradford next Saturday and, I am afraid, will suffer another defeat at the hands of their lowly opponents.

In the Third Division—South: the match of the day will be atournemouth where Notts County are the visitors. I think the County will be hard pressed to take both points, but they have sufficient staying power to force a draw.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, December 27. The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION	
Arsenal	0 Man'ner U. 0
Aston Villa	1 Wolves 1
Blackpool	2 Burnley 0
Cardiff	2 Plymouth 0
Derby	4 Birm'mham 1
Fulham	0 Everton 0
Liverpool	2 Chelsea 2
Manchester C.	1 Hudd'sfield 2
Middlesbro	1 Newcastle U. 0
Portsmouth	1 Charlton 0
Stoke City	2 Sunderland 1
West Brom	2 Bolton 1

SECOND DIVISION	
Blackburn	0 Sheffield W. 0
Bradford	1 Bradford 0
Cardiff	2 Plymouth 0
Cheshfield	1 Spurs 1
Coventry	1 Leicester 2
Hull	2 Brentford 0
Leeds U.	1 Burnley 0
Queen's P.R.	1 Grimsby 0
Sheff'd U.	1 Preston N.E. 0
Southampton	2 Luton 1
Swansea	1 West Ham 0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Aldershot	4 Newport 1
Bristol Rovers	3 Leyton 0
Ipswich	0 Notts C. 4
Millwall	1 Walsall 1
Northampton	1 Port Vale 1
Notts Forest	0 Norwich 0
Reading	2 Bournemouth 0
Southend	1 Exeter 0
Swindon	4 Brighton 2
Torquay	3 Bristol C. 2
Witford	0 Crystal P. 0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Bradford C.	1 Chester 0
Carlisle	4 York 3
Doncaster	0 N. Brighton 0
Gateshead	3 Darlington 3
Hullifax	3 Stockport 3
Hartlepool	2 Barrow 3
Lincoln	2 Crewe 0
Oldham	1 Mansfield 0
Southport	3 Rochdale 0
Tranmere	0 Rotherham 2
Wrexham	1 Accrington 1

IRISH LEAGUE	
Ballymena U.	4 Coleraine 4
Bangor	0 Glenelgan 0
Cliftonville	6 Ards 0
Derry City	1 Portadown 0
Distillery	0 Linfield 2
Glenavon	0 Crusaders 0

Record crowds watch Home soccer games

London, December 27. The hectic holiday football programme produced some bewildering upsets of form, but the outstanding feature of the period was the size of the crowd.

The old Football League record for one day was broken twice. Yesterday, a crowd of 1,228,008—nearly 60,000 more than the previous highest—watched the 44 games. Today's matches attracted 1,233,572 for a new record.

From the three games in four days only two clubs, Middlesbrough and Notts County, emerged with maximum points and two, Charlton and Brighton, with no points.

Continued challenge. A feature of the First Division was the continued challenge of Manchester United and Blackpool, who each gained five points from their Christmas matches, to Liverpool, who stand only two points in front.

Wolves caused one of the biggest surprises by their 1-0 win at Villa Park. They had not been victorious since October 8.

Tottenham Hotspurs dropped only one point, at Cheshfield, and are 10 points in front of Sheffield Wednesday, the present runners-up in League II.

Notts County are also in a good position. They are six points ahead in League III Southern. Their goal average in three games was 8-0.—Reuter.

Referees Assn. to withdraw from HKFA

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be making an application for its representation to be withdrawn from the HKFA. It was stated at the Referees' Association meeting last night. The action was decided after a ruling had been received from the UK which states that the Referees' Association cannot be affiliated to the Football Association. The Referees' Association will in future proceed under the new rulings received from England. Mr. A. E. P. Guest, President of the Referees' Association, stated: "The revival of the Referees' Association was discussed and February 5 was fixed as the date for the game. The annual dinner of the Referees' Association was fixed tentatively for March 15."

Annual softball classic on New Year's Day

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Procy Doc Molton will head the Committee and Scribos side against Frank Cleary's Ladies in the Annual Softball Classic on New Year's Day, at 2.30 p.m.

Fans will remember the hilarious tussle last year in which the femmes won, and the forthcoming 'get-together' should attract all fun-lovers.

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE	
Won	Lost
St. Joseph's	7 0 1,000
Braves	2 2 778
Canadians	0 3 667
Pandas	0 3 667
U.S. Navy	0 3 667
Jaguars	6 3 625
Overseas	5 3 625
Madcaps	3 3 625
Americans	5 4 550
St. Teresa's	5 4 550
Chung Hwa	3 6 333
Dare-devils	1 8 111
Campaneros	0 9 000
Baseballers	0 10 000

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE	
Won	Lost
Rexus	8 1 889
Blackhawks	7 2 778
Jaguars	7 2 778
Braves	5 4 550
Overseas	5 4 550
Spartans	5 4 550
Aces	3 6 333
Griffins	3 6 333
Pandas	2 7 222
Dalawares	1 8 111

LADIES' SENIOR LEAGUE	
Won	Lost
Wahoos	4 1 800
Canadians	3 2 600
Wildcats	2 3 400
Pirates	1 4 200

LADIES' JUNIOR LEAGUE	
Won	Lost
White Fangs	4 1 800
St. Teresa	3 3 600
Squaws	2 3 400
Clovers	2 3 400
McTyeirans	0 4 000

Two stroke rounds for Open Amateur Golf

An alteration to the conditions governing England's Amateur Golf Championship might, with advantage, be followed in the Open Amateur event for which entries tend to become overwhelming.

The English authorities are to introduce two stroke rounds next year and the 32 players, together with any who may tie for the 32nd place, will go forward to the match-play stages.

Matches will be over 18 holes until the semi-finals, which, like the final of previous years, will be over 36 holes. This is more in keeping with the American Championship and a point is scored by those who maintain that 18-hole matches do not always produce the best golfer as the winner.

It would be impossible, without hanging an event out to unwanted proportions, to have match-play from the start, but when a championship reaches the important stage of the semi-final it is felt that the 36-hole match is warranted.

It will do away with those cases where the weaker player, playing by a flying start, enough of which he manages to hold to beat the more fancied player, survives a semi-final only to become a stumbling block in the 36-hole final. No player must disclose statistics as well, nor if he then manages to get through to the final he will have proved himself worthy of the distinction.

A real champion. As one high official of the English Golf Union remarked: "It will produce a real champion." Thirty-six holes semi-finals have been the custom in America and have been suggested for the British even. Now that the English Union, for a championship confined to home-bred players, have made the stop, the authorities who run the British Open Amateur Championship will, no doubt, keep an eye on it.

The New Year will also be of benefit to those men who, hitherto, have gone to all the expense of booking accommodation and travelling to the championship venue, only to be knocked out in the first round.

This has occurred in the past to first-class players who strike a bad patch against a "rabbit"—the name given to weaker players—much to the annoyance of most spectators and the player himself.

Now the lesser lights, as well as the stars will have at least two days of golf while taking part in the qualifying and anybody

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